

send them there with those instructions to do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But can they be...suppose they disregard those instructions, will what they do be rendered invalid based on a state statute when...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...there is nothing in the U.S. Constitution which would invalidate it?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'd sure like to argue that case.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is your opinion?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: My opinion is that does not...that's not impermissible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, because I spent that time with the questions to lay the groundwork, I have to turn my light on to make a point so that Senator Kristensen will understand my vote.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before we proceed with the next speaker, I'd like to call the Legislature's attention to the north balcony where Senator Wehrbein has as his guests today 21 fourth graders from Central Elementary in Plattsmouth, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you all stand and be recognized and welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you. Senator Witek, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Schimek and Chambers.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I will not be voting to bring this back for this amendment because I feel that at any time this amendment could have been brought forward. This is something that we've discussed for hours on the floor of the Legislature for several years, we're finally here on Final Reading on this bill that has, at times, been very divisive here in the Legislature. And I just kind of have the feeling myself that I want to just finish it, get it behind us. And I really think the timing of this kind of an amendment that, to me, both Senator Withem and Senator Kristensen have just admitted this has never occurred here in the State of Nebraska. If it's not an emergency situation or not just something compelling that we need to do right here, right now today on this bill, I don't