

people interested in adoption, familiar with adoption and experienced in adoptions can address and testify on those issues. So I think...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...Senator Chambers' idea and his proposal may be of interest to some people, maybe should be given some consideration but not at this late date on Select File. I even think there's a question of germaneness here. Although I'm not going to raise that, I want to argue the matter on its merits. It is a change to this bill and a change in Nebraska law that should not be made lightly and certainly should not be made on Select File where there has been no public hearing on his proposal. And I would ask this body to reject his proposed amendment at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Schellpeper announces the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are 38 fourth graders here from Stanton Elementary School in Stanton, Nebraska, and their teachers. They are all in the south balcony. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Wesely, your light is next.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members, I rise in opposition to the Chambers amendment but I must tell you that, in talking with him about this issue over the past few days, I have acknowledged that I am very interested in it. I think, conceptually, he has offered something that seems reasonable on the face of it, in my view. But, as Senator Matzke has said, touching any issue related to adoption, without careful consideration, has ramifications and repercussions that stretch far beyond what we can see at this moment as we discuss this point. For instance, on the bill before you, 712, that issue started with a piece of legislation I introduced last year. We had a hearing last session, had a great deal of discussion on the topic, then that led to an interim study chaired by Senator Matzke where we had numerous meetings and hours of discussion, followed by another interim hearing on the issue which led to the introduction of LB 712, which led to another hearing and again continued discussion about this issue over the course of this session on the basis of LB 712. Now LB 712 is an issue that's very important, in my view, dealing with a very important problem that we have with adoption, but at the same time it