

bureaucracy can't do that. A uniform law that mandates something has to be done. It can't do that. It can't...it doesn't have the flexibility you need. And we're dealing with people here, we're not dealing with machines or something that, you know, you could put a uniform law through and not have the worries that there would be specific circumstances where this would not address the problem...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...and put a tremendous burden on the family.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Jones would like to announce that the following guest is visiting the Legislature, Walt Griffith is here from Broken Bow. He is under the north balcony. Mr. Griffith, will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senators Beutler and Bromm would move to amend the Witek amendment. (AM2870 is referenced on page 555 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, it was a long night and an early morning, last night, because we were hustling to respond to what we heard on the floor yesterday and the day before. And those who are interested in this bill are now proposing to you what will be their last amendment as a group. And if you should see fit to adopt it, then hopefully we would like to get just an up or down vote on this at some point in time. Because of the tactics and strategy and the fact that there's just three hours left before cloture, it becomes necessary to amend the Witek amendment in order to do this, and so we have taken that path. I don't feel a need to apologize to Senator Witek because it's a fair tactic. But far beyond that, I don't feel a need to apologize to her because much of what's in this amendment parallels what she's been trying to get us to do the last couple of days anyway. So, what I need to do, what I want to do is explain to you carefully what this amendment does so that we're all on the same level in terms of understanding where this would take us. I have passed out to you a little sheet that should have numbers one through five on it. I hope you all have that in front of you, because that's an