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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the way this country was for awhile. And I guess it seems to me that what we are doing here now is moving back more towards the spoils, the old spoils system. What assurance do we have that a particular Governor is going to be interested first and foremost in getting the very best people in those positions if, as a part of the political pressure of a campaign, he needed to have certain individuals on board, who, in turn, needed to have jobs? I mean that sounds very old-fashioned and a long time ago, but it is only old-fashioned and a long time ago simply because we made laws that prohibited that system from operating. And so, you know, here we are going back again in a sense. I don't know, I guess I want to think about...a little bit more about what we're doing, but I think we should be clear that there is a downside to this and that we ought not to operate on the assumption that whoever the Governor is will have the best...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...of motivations. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Warner announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are 65 fourth graders here from Hamlow Elementary in Waverly with their sponsors. They are all in the north balcony. Will you stand to be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Hillman, your light is next, followed by Senators Witek, Bernard-Stevens, Hartnett, and Maurstad.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted?

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