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important for Nebraska. Again, please support LB 685 (sic). Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS PRESIDING

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Fisher. There's one more light on, that's Senator Beutler. But before I recognize Senator Beutler, let me recognize 65 sixth graders from Robin Mickle Middle School in Lincoln. (Introduced teachers.) If those 65 sixth graders would please stand up, we'd like to recognize you. Thanks for coming today. Senator Beutler, and then Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, thank you for bringing forth the bill. Just a couple of questions, if I may, to try to better understand how it operates. First of all, maybe just a general articulation, as best you can express it, of a philosophy that says accountants should be able to use this act and lawyers should not.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Kristensen, would you like to answer the question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: And speak to it, if you would, on the underlying policy, principles and ignore the very large reality, for the moment, that the Supreme Court (interrupted)...

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Beutler, let me just interrupt for a moment. You need to ask the Chair permission to ask a question here as well, because it's not a question to Senator Kristensen, it goes through the Chair to Senator Kristensen. And, Senator Kristensen, do you agree to answer the question?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: To the best of my ability.

SENATOR LANDIS: Fine, then...all right, then you're recognized.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: So help me...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Does the answer have to go through the Chair, or can I just listen? (Laughter.)

SENATOR LANDIS: You can just listen, but you have to ask through the Chair, Senator Beutler. And I'm sure that the rules