

Nebraska and our institutions. I support the committee amendments because they, while it's not the distribution, I originally proposed the distribution is one which is, again, unifying across the state, the Cornhuskers and the Cornhusker spirit being a major unifying force. For all of those reasons, I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments and the advancement of LB 1264.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Would like to announce a group of students in the balcony from Senator Vrtiska's district. We have 10 ninth grade students from Odell High School with their teacher. Would you please stand and be recognized. We are debating the committee amendments. Senator Kristensen, followed by Senators Beutler and Warner.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I want to add one other piece because I wanted Senator Brashear to have the opportunity to introduce his bill. You probably saw on today's agenda also LB 465, which is later this afternoon which is a specialty plate bill. Through the years, the Transportation Committee, of course, has had a number of specialty plates come through and we entered into a basically two-year process to look at specialty plates. Now, we did come up with a...what we call a uniform or a procedure whereby specialty plates would be run out of the Department of Motor Vehicles. You would have a uniform plate with numbers and a system where we wouldn't be manufacturing a variety of different plates. Rather you would have a spot for an emblem that would be an adhesive emblem to do that. Because of the press of time this year, 465 will not have the opportunity to be debated fully and I intend, when we get to 465, to take those provisions out and there are some other cleanup things that just have to get done this year that we're going to replace it with, but I want you to be aware that we have a variety of plates that come through the Transportation Committee. They always invoke a tremendous amount of discussion and people's need and desires to have a specialty plate, some are for fund raising, others are not, we attempt to do that with 465. We plan in the future to again introduce that piece of legislation, and don't plan to put it on to this bill, Senator Brashear. If I'm going to make the decision to take it out of its original bill, we're not going to introduce it somewhere else, just so you understand procedurally that I'm not going to do that, but that in the future we want to make sure there is a uniform way of going about doing these