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SENATOR CROSBY: I have several groups to introduce, Senator Bromm has, as his guests, Shirley Hinkle and Tanner Hinkle, Shirley from Lincoln, Tanner from Omaha. They are under the north balcony. Senator Wesely has, as his guest, his mother, Irene Wesely from Lincoln, and her nephews, Cory James and Jeff Wesely, Cory James Wesely and Jeff Wesely from Garland, Nebraska. They are under the south balcony. Senator Wehrbein has 20 fourth graders in the north balcony. They are from Elmwood-Murdock Elementary in Murdock, Nebraska, with their teachers. Would all of you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being here. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Withem has the next amendment, Madam President, but I have a note he wishes to withdraw that.

SENATOR CROSBY: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Brashear, I now have your amendment, 4372, Senator.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Brashear.

CLERK: Senator Brashear wishes to withdraw 4362.

SENATOR CROSBY: It is...it is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Brashear, next amendment. I have...I have no further amendments to the bill, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: And discussion on the bill, itself, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, and members of the Legislature, I am opposed to this bill, but it is not one of those which I would go to the mat on to try to stop. I told Senator Brashear the other day that time is on the side of those of us who are opposed to this bill, but we are not going to do an all out press to try to stop it, but I do want my opposition to be expressed clearly in the record, and I want to point out that from the things that I've read, there is no guarantee that this merger between Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, on which this bill is premised, is going to take place. The biggest obstacle that Union Pacific sees would be a requirement that