

feel, that we should let sleeping dogs lie so to speak. The fact is that the uncertainty is doing them no favor and I think it's not doing us any favor at this point so I would, in spite of I think Senator Beutler's good intentions, I would oppose his amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I'd like to call to your attention some guests that we have in the north balcony. They are guests of Senator Cudaback today. We have 42 fourth graders from Sandoz Elementary in Lexington, Nebraska, and their teacher. Would you all please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being here today. Senator Maurstad on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. I would submit to Senator Witek we have more than three opinions from attorneys on this particular issue at this time. I'm not going to take the full five minutes so I'm going to use part of it. I oppose the Beutler amendment, but I have to ask Senator Beutler, you know, my mind is a little number than usual I think on this 58th day of the session. But my memory seems to recollect a discussion that I think you and I had earlier on in the session when we were discussing our rules and I had put forth an amendment to have the Speaker agree with the committee chairperson. And at that time you were trying to convince me that, in fact, I think the...I believe the question maybe you asked, well, what if they don't agree? And I said, well, they will agree; and so it was curious to me that the argument is a little different this time around in fun, but I need to know whether it was you and I that had that discussion at the beginning of the session or not.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I don't recall it; but from time to time I've departed from absolute consistency.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Well, I don't agree with the Beutler amendment, but I do believe that I share a lot of Senator Beutler's concerns in his opinion relative to this, the particular issue. And so what I really punched on for was to ask Senator Wickersham one question if he's still within earshot.