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entirely different on another issue.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you'll wonder what manner of people are these? These are the ones my parents think should be my role models and my examples, but they don't tell the truth. They don't care about children. They are worried about who out there in the lobby has the power or who is going to embarrass them or what newspaper is going to write a negative editorial. And then when we have an issue like this related to the children, everybody gets quiet. But you wait till we start talking about hogs and pigs and chickens and cattle and stinky lagoons, you're going to think you're at a revival meeting, brothers and sisters, an old campground tent meeting. I've been here a long time and I've seen it all.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Before we move to the next speaker, Senator Janssen has the following guest, it's Janet Koranda from Fremont. She is Carol's sister, and she is under the north balcony. Would you please rise to be welcomed by your Legislature. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is my third time speaking on this motion, so it will be my last time speaking on this bill, which, by the way, I don't really like, because I don't like too much that home schooling idea, but that's an issue that was settled a long time ago, so I'm not even going to go into that. The Legislature is supposed to be a representative assembly, and maybe it is. Maybe the people out there who send people to the Legislature are no better than the people they send here. Maybe that's what it is, and maybe it truly is representative, but I hope it's not. I hope there is a higher standard out there, I genuinely do. And based on the cards and the letters and the phone calls I get from people, there is more they would like to get from their Legislature, from other elected and appointed officials than what they currently are getting. I don't know what it will take to create a genuine concern for children. There are agencies with names like "For the Children", or "In Behalf of Children", and there are people who make their living talking about the interests of children. But a crucial issue like this one, and not a puppy