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I'm glad that Senator Chambers caught that word about...or that part about prosecuted, prosecuting, because I don't think they have the authority, as he's indicated. And therefore, I think, that, if he could amend his bill to not completely remove that section, I think it would still do what he wants to do, and we could move the bill. With that, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Before we proceed, Senator Bruning and Senator Hartnett would like to announce the following guests are visiting the Legislature: 50 fourth grade students from LeMay School, in Bellevue, and their teachers (introduced teachers). They're in the north balcony. If you'd rise, we'll recognize you and welcome you to the Nebraska Legislature. Senator Schimek, you're recognized on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just want to rise in support of the Chambers amendment, and say that I think Senator Vrtiska just explained very well that what we're trying to get at here, what the committee heard, and what we're trying to get to is that we're trying to get rid of these frivolous charges. And, I guess, I would still like to take a look at page 3. I read it a couple of times, Senator Chambers, and I think maybe we still need some of that language on page 3. But what we don't need on page 3 is in line 12, that word "prosecuted". And I would suggest that we would say instead of the person could be "successfully prosecuted", we would say the person could be "successfully found in violation of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act." That might be something that we could do on Select File, perhaps, if we adopt your amendment here on General File. But you have pinpointed exactly what I think we're trying to accomplish here. So if we want to take out the language on page 3, then I think that's fine. But let's look at it, because it might still be necessary to have in there. It does mention that the commission, by a majority vote, has to do this. So I think that may be important to leave in there. With that, I would just simply support the Chambers amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler would like to announce the following guests are with us today: his wife, Judy, and her daughter, Lori Friedman, and