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knowledge of it. I have not coordinated with them to find out if they have, but I'm sure that they've followed the issue very closely.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, it would seem that what we're doing here, in a certain sense, is setting up something that's...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...geographically regional, that is this community health care system, and then we're inserting something that's...not problematic, programmatic, is that a word, into that geographic structure without actually identifying or saying or requiring any coordination with that geographic structure. For example, it requires the setting up of six experimental centers for respite care, but it doesn't say that those six shall correspond to the regional geographic designated regional community care centers. And, furthermore, there's nothing in the bill about coordination with that whole system, insofar as I could see. So I'm...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...wondering how closely they did look at it, I guess. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We have, as guests visiting the Legislature this morning, 31 sixth graders from Lakeview School in Lincoln. They are guests of Senator Schimek. Would you please stand and be recognized and welcomed by your Legislature. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 566, LB 596, LB 682, LB 784, LB 789, LB 315, LB 333, and LB 333A. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Certainly I don't think any of us intended for this to drag on into the lunch hour, but I'd certainly ask your patience in trying to deal with this and readvancing these bills today. Senator Beutler, purposely we did not put explicit language in the bill. In setting up the respite life...life span system, we are...we are asking for initial dollars to identify how these regions should be set up and the services that are already