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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...expect, rightfully, with regard to all adults. But somehow, with regard to these young Americans, we don't seem to think that that principle is appropriate. That's what they need to learn, how to relate to the law as it will apply to them when they become adults. And one of the ways that it applies to them is through the structure of institutional policies, which they have to note and follow and learn to live with. And so that, I think, is one of the great values of this legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Stuhr, on the first part of the divided Beutler amendment to the committee amendment to LB 182.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Actually, the discussion has flowed off of that first part. But again, I stand in support of striking Section 5. As Senator Beutler has said, he also feels it is redundant, that we do have laws to cover that particular issue. So...but I do want to make a couple other comments that it had been stated on the floor that some of the school boards associations and school administrators had actually signed off on the amendments. I will read you a policy from November of '99 that was passed by the Assembly of the Nebraska School Board members across the state in regards to student expression. And it says they oppose efforts to erode the authority of the local board of education and school principals to regulate the content of school publications produced through the implementation of the school curriculum. But I have several...a couple other points that I want to make and the fact that I still am having a problem of understanding why we need this bill? And if Senator Beutler could respond. What does this bill allow students to do that they can't presently do?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR STUHR: It's called the Student Expression Act, but yet we seem to be actually venturing off into another world.