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the Nebraska Energy Office. Both will be on file in my office.

PRESIDENT: That concludes item #4 on the agenda. We are now ready for Final Reading. If all members would please take their seats for Final Reading for LB 60. All members please take their seats. The Chair takes pleasure in announcing guests in the Chamber today in the North balcony, 18 students of a Political Science Class from Chadron State College accompanied by Professor James Sheaffer, instructor, and are guests of Senator Sam Cullan from northwestern Nebraska. Welcome to the Legislature. For your information, guests, we are just about ready to go into Final Reading which means that these bills read have been heard in committee and debated on the floor and now are up for a final vote. Under the rules all members about to vote must be in their seats for Final Reading. So the Chair will again ask for the membership to take their seats, and when the Clerk is ready, he may proceed with LB 60.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: A motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pirsch would move to return LB 60 to Select File for specific amendment: (Read Pirsch amendment as found on page 492, Legislative Journal.) That is offered by Senator Pirsch.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR FIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I am sorry to have to do this on Final Reading but I feel it is a subject that needs to be discussed further and hopefully that you will adopt this amendment to eliminate the precedent that I feel we are setting with the passage of LB 60 without this amendment. We have had other discussions on this and we have said that the "person" in the bill the that county coroner receives permission from has control of the disposition of the decedent's remains. As I spoke on Select, this does not always fulfill the decedent's wishes and the amendment simply makes clear that unless the deceased has made other plans then the family who has or the person who has control of the disposition can give their permission. But first of all, it has to be cleared that the decedent has not made a contrary wish. I hope that you will support this amendment. Thank you.