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First of all, a sunset clause is an important tool and it serves this body well in a number of contexts. Now we all know that this attempt to resolve the Christian schools controversy is a provisional attempt. A lot of us have reservations about the provisions of this thing. We can see that it is not perfect and the important thing to do is to schedule us for review. It is important that the people of the State of Nebraska understand that this is a provisional experimental attempt to deal with this issue. It is important that we don't lose track of it. It is important that we have a built-in review process so we can improve the provisions, so we can improve the procedures as necessary. This is a very difficult issue and I think it is important once again that we not simply enact permanently a set of provisions that have had no experience, that have had no opportunity to be tested, no opportunity to see how they are going to work. So I would like to give the rest of my time to Senator Wesely.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members, I'll be very brief. Several members have indicated that with the sunset their concerns about this bill would be alleviated and they could vote for the bill when they could not otherwise. I think you will find support for the bill with the sunset increased. There is a lot of concerns. They are not sure about what this is going to do and I think it is important that we be very cautious about it. I'm sure we can come back next year or the following year and deal with the issues involved with the Christian school issue if we want to but we undoubtedly would like to avoid that issue as much as possible so at least in four years time we will know that we will have to come back here, reconsider our actions, see how it has worked out and be able to evaluate. That makes sense and I think we ought to adopt this amendment. This motion is to return for that amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to return LB 928 to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote on the motion by Senators Wesely and Hoagland to return LB 928 for a specific

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