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of rural senators that have a great concern over this, and, actually, the bill will pass if the motion is reconsidered. So I think it's the best of both worlds. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Before continuing, Senator Raikes announces that he has 66 fourth graders from Hamlow Elementary in Waverly with their teacher. (Introduces teacher.) They are in the north balcony. Would all of you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being here. Continuing on the motion, Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. I think we've got some things we need to iron out here, and I, obviously, rise to support the motion to reconsider. But I think also we just have some things we have to work out here between the introducer of the bill and what is being indicated is occurring here and what the statute says. I mean, he indicated that this was not in statute. It is in statute. We don't need this bill to put this into statute. He indicated we are not creating a new state agency. Well, I want to tell you, someone outside needs to tell him we're creating a new state agency, because if we're not creating a new state agency, why do we need this bill? I mean it's that elementary. And so let's at least say what it is. Now the motion that we're reconsidering is one to strike the emergency clause because clearly it is not an emergency, and, secondly, would delay of the implementation of what is yet unclear, but we'll give that for the time being. We're going to delay the implementation until July 1 of 1999. So I think we need to come to an agreement that we are creating a state agency, that it's already in statute. That LB...that the amendment that we're going to reconsider is not a poison pill. It doesn't strip anything out of the bill. It doesn't...it does only delay the implementation one year. So I would, again, indicate that I think that it was a reasonable amendment that was brought before; 24 members felt it was reasonable. Senator Willhoft I see is, my friend, my neighbor, so let me ask Senator Willhoft a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Willhoft, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR WILLHOFT: Yes.