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SPEAKER: We will cease debate, Senator Keyes has an opportunity to close, but nobody will have the opportunity to ask him questions afterwards. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well Mr. President, I didn't know I was opening up a hornet's nest quite so much, but I will say this to my lawyer friend, Senator Pellman, that this is going to open up a paradise for the lawyers to start suits in the state of Nebraska, and clog up our courts when something that does not need to have this done. The second thing is that you can come along and you can pass gun laws and take the guns out of the hands of the people, but you don't take them out of the hands of the criminals. You can come along and say that we are not going to have the drunks driving, we are going to take their drivers licenses away from them, but the drunks are going to still drive. You're not going to take their car away from them or nothing else, you're just going to take their drivers license, they're still going to drive. Now you can come along and you know our prisons, we have written in our laws that we have a right for a parole after so long a time. This would simply mean that you would not even have a right for a parole in that. This is inferring the same lines as that. You are not going to give a man the right to have a chance. Let me tell you a little something about the bible that I happen to read once in a while, not too often, not as often as I should, but the old testament is made up of the first five books which are the Torah for the Jewish Religion. Five books brought down rules and regulations for them to live by and they found out that they were so confined that they couldn't even walk a journey and a half day from their home without starting out on the day before Sunday to go to visit some of their relatives. Let me tell you something, Christ came along and he said you have the right to repent, well we have a right to parole, we have all these rights and I just say that this law does not give you that, and it takes away from the Department, the rights to make the decisions, so that's my closing, Thank you.

SPEAKER: The question is, shall LB 213 be indefinitely postponed. It just takes a majority vote, those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Senator Whitney voting nay.

CLERK: Senator Whitney voting no.

SPEAKER: Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 28 nays Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The motion fails. The Chair would like to introduce seventy five farmers union central exchange persons who every year come and visit the Nebraska Unicameral, they're from St. Paul, Minnesota, and represent people from Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa, they are in the south balcony, and we are very happy to have you here today.

CLERK: Mr. President there is a motion to amend LB 213 to add the emergency clause, signed Senator Barnett.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President I'd, wish, if I could, would like to ask for unanimous consent to do this and it would eliminate the vote. I'll ask for it. I ask for unanimous consent to add the emergency clause.

SPEAKER: The rule does not provide for it, but we can take a vocal vote.

SENATOR BARNETT: I move it.