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We could go so far on this thing that we could eventually wreck our whole concept of constitutional government. What private schools do, if they do this, that's, they don't run for election, that's all beside the point and it's not an argument in this place. Who owns the Board, the University of Nebraska? Do the students? No, who does? The taxpayers and people of the State of Nebraska. Let's not start by giving certain groups privileges because when you give this group privilege, you're going to be under pressure to give another group privilege and you're going to wreck what I think is our whole concept of constitutional government, as I've said before. Thank you, I hope you do not, and stick with the committee when we killed this bill, I hope that you do not raise this bill from the dead. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer. Sorry to remind the audience, but there is to be no demonstration in the Chamber. Thank you. Incidentally, Senator Stahmer, let me break in just a moment, please, to introduce the group which is here. We have before us today seated in the north balcony, 44 of the Benson Women's Republican Club and their president is Mrs. Ruth Wilson. They are from Omaha and their Senators are Proud, Syas, Dickinson, Savage and Snyder and likewise, we have in the north balcony 18 high school seniors from Orleans, excuse me, from Adams, Nebraska High School and their instructor is Larry Hersberger and they are, of course, from Senator Carstens' district, and at the same time we have seated in the south balcony 12 government students from the Douglas Community Schools of Douglas, Nebraska. Their instructor is Tom Cowan and they are from Senator Warner's district. We are delighted to have all of you here today to observe the activities of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. We hope you enjoy your visit to the Capitol City and also the capitol building which still ranks as one of the 10 architectural achievements of the world. I would just remind you that no demonstrations or applause is permitted in the Chamber even though that was a very impassioned speech given by Senator Syas. Now, back to Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the Body, a point of personal privilege, first of all. What group, I did not catch what group that was. Benson Women's Club and who represents Benson?

PRESIDENT: It said Proud, Syas, Dickinson, Savage, Snyder, I don't believe they have Stahmer on here. We'll add that.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Stahmer happens to have the Benson business district in the heart of his district.

PRESIDENT: That's a somewhat typical oversight, Senator Stahmer and the chair will apologize for that. We'll talk to the Sargeant-at-arms about that after while.

SENATOR STAHMER: Sometimes people don't want to claim certain Senators.

PRESIDENT: I'm sure that's not the case here. All right, back to the discussion of shall LB 323 be placed on General File notwithstanding action of the committee, Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the Body, notwithstanding the fact that I am a Democrat and a Democrat who occasionally and not unrarely differs from our Governor, I'm not a political animal first of all, but I'm going to oppose the speech just given by Senator Syas and support