

think you ought to adopt this amendment. You ought to just leave the thing where it is, and if you insist on taking it, let it go onto Select File and when it gets there, I will try to do something to handle it properly.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next one, the Chair would like to introduce some fifty 4th graders, two teachers and one parent from Arnold Elementary School here in Lincoln from Senator Warner's District, Teena Bodfield, teacher. They are up in the South balcony. Would you wave to the Legislature? Welcome to your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I haven't seen the amendment yet but I think I know what it says. I don't know whether the amendment is worse than the bill or the bill worse than the amendment, Senator Chambers. I think it is a toss up, but as I see the bill, it doesn't differentiate between the type of buses that go around the countryside picking up children to take them to school, and then later in the day to return them to their homes, and the type of a school bus that I will just call over-the-road buses which are large buses and hold more than twelve people usually and take them to a distant place to play basketball or football or debate or whatever they may be going to. So it makes no differentiation. Now I don't have any qualm, Senator Kahle, with having a specified color that the school buses should be painted. That is okay, but I think it also should be pointed out that we should either go all the way or perhaps not go all the way. The only difference between those two buses is that one of them makes short runs and the other makes long runs, and as I understand the bill in the first place, the purpose of it is to have us be careful when we see a school bus so that we don't run into it or cause an accident so that the children will be hurt. I think that's what should be the purpose of the bill. Now if we are going to differentiate between those buses going a short distance and it is okay to not be careful of those buses going longer distances, then it is okay to paint them different colors. Now as to painting them afterward, after they have been sold, what we are saying is, public, you don't have to be careful of this bus anymore. In other words, if it is this specific color of yellow, then you should be careful. While if it is a little different color of yellow, or pink or blue, you don't have to be careful any more. If we leave them the same color as they originally paint it, the worse that can happen is that we are careful when we approach them or see them on the street. That is the worse that can happen. Imagine such a thing as