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SENATOR MARSH: I would rule that it is germane.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: There are four lights but before I call on Senators Wesely, Chambers, Lamb and Murphy, I would like to introduce Mary Kay Green, City Council member from Omaha who is a guest of Senator Tom Fitzgerald. We welcome you to the Legislature. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, again I rise in support of the concept and the thrust of the Venditte amendment. I rise in support of that amendment and express my appreciation for him to bring up once again a chance for us to consider this very important change. I think that it is very positive. We lost by one vote on reconsideration. We lost by one vote just a minute ago and I would hope that we pick up that one vote and pass this because it is very important that we take the steps outlined in the Venditte amendment and I very strongly support it.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chairman and members of the Legislature, I also will support Senator Venditte's amendment and what it does, which is different from the other amendments so it is really not reconsideration, is strike the specific references to a particular ailment and disabilities and perhaps his approach is the better of the two because then the discretion is left with the school system and not only will these be considered but perhaps others across the spectrum. So I am supporting his amendment and it is somewhat different from the one that had been offered before.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Point of order, Madam Chairman, in two areas. First, I submit that this is reconsideration in that evidently the amendment according to Senator Venditte is almost identical to the previous one which was voted down and then, secondly, I don't have the amendment on my desk. I really don't know what it is.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Lamb, it is not an identical amendment. Thank you for drawing this to our attention and you do have a valid point about not seeing it in front of you. Would you like to have the Clerk read it again?

SENATOR LAMB: Would it be possible, Madam Chairman, to have