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not to vote to advance it for a few days. They were going to come into town and visit with us. They asked me to hold it two or three days. I did hold it two or three days. They never showed up. How long are we supposed to hold these things for people who don't seem to care? Now it appears to me they were simply trying to stall the bill and we waited two or three days, we gave them an opportunity. They did not show up. I did not receive any correspondence from them until after the bill was advanced. They had an opportunity. I think it is wrong to hold this and I think it is definitely wrong to send it back to committee. Now if there are parts of the bill you do not like, I would suggest that you amend it here on Select File but I see no reason to continue to send these things back to committee and slow them down. Generally I think it is a good bill. If you have specific problems with the bill, propose some amendments. Now as far as an interim study is concerned, and I will approach the Executive Board if there is a study resolution introduced on this subject, right now there are at least seven major studies for the Public Health and Welfare Committee and I don't think we can do much more and I don't think we should do much more and I don't see a need to study this again. So I would say if there is a study resolution introduced on this particular subject, I am going to suggest to the Executive Board that they not appropriate any funds or direct any funds to carry out such a study. We have asbestos, nursing homes, reorganization of the Department of Health, the Department of Welfare and Health and Institutions, alcohol, foster care. I don't think we can study a good number of additional subjects and do it correctly. I don't see a lot of major problems with this bill. If you have amendments, put them up.

SENATOR NICHOL: Before we proceed, may I introduce some guests of Senator Fowler. They are in the South balcony. There are fifty fifth grade students from Belmont School in Lincoln, Liza Morell, teacher. Would you stand and be recognized please? Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, do you have other buttons?

SENATOR NICHOL: Your light was on and I have you on the list, sir.

SENATOR KOCH: I will move the previous question, if you are interested in time. Senator Keyes says he has something to say.

SENATOR NICHOL: Did you call for the question, sir?