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women are an integral part, an equal part of our society. I think this is an important step for this state to take to neuter its statutory language as best we can, so that we show by our example that we do not mean to intentionally exclude, in our statutes, at least half of our population.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Before we go to our next speaker, the Chair would like to introduce from Senator Burrow's district, twenty-one 5th, 7th and 8th grade students, three adults, from Centenary United Methodist in Beatrice with the Reverend Mrs. Elizabeth Beams. They're in the south balcony. Would they stand and be recognized? Welcome to your Legislature. We also have from Senator Marvel's district, twenty-five 3rd through 6th grade students from Holstein, Nebraska, Doris Meyers, teacher. They're in the north balcony. Would they kind of wave to us? I think they're down over at that end. Good morning to you. Now the Chair recognizes Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I support Senator Marsh's bill, and I stand here also agreeing with Senator Rumery. Had I been here in 1975, I would have voted exactly like Senator Rumery. I would have opposed the ERA. I oppose the extension of the ERA, and I have vowed that as long as I'm here in the Nebraska Unicameral, I will vote for anything that will benefit women that I think is right. I support the changing of the language to recognize women, but I don't want anyone to think that I stand here in support of the ERA or the extension of the Equal Rights Amendment, but I do approve of what Senator Marsh is trying to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I call the question.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: I hate to disappoint you but you don't have to because we're ready for the...everyone has spoken that wants to speak and I'm going to call on Senator Marsh to close. Thank you Senator Newell nevertheless...valiant effort. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature who have listened so long to the discussion on LB 80. I am pleased and proud to ask for the advancement of LB 80 to Enrollment and Review.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Alright, the motion is the advancement of LB 80 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye,