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sessions and therefore, I just really don't think we need this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next speaker the Chair would like to introduce three students from the Bee Grade School from Bee, Nebraska, with their teachers, Miss Catherine Easton and Miss Martha Fretterer. They are up here in the North balcony. Would they stand up and be recognized. They are just leaving, okay. And we also have up in the North balcony from Senator DeCamp's district, 19 seniors from St. Mary's in O'Neill, Nebraska, teacher, Dave Schroeder and would they please stand up and be recognized. Welcome to your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for Senator Beutler if he would respond.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, will you respond?

SENATOR WAGNER: Senator Beutler, my question would be, did you visit with the Fire Chief Wally Barnett on this amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I did not.

SENATOR WAGNER: My other question would be, did you visit with any local volunteer fire group in relation with this amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I did not.

SENATOR WAGNER: Okay. Senator Beutler, I kind of have some reservations similar to what Senator Hefner has because I think probably leaving some of that local discretion in there would be probably a good thing upon their part and I guess I respect some of their decisions, respect their decisions in these areas. As far as I am concerned, we have a very excellent volunteer fire system throughout our area and I would yield to their discretion and I would kind of hate to have them kind of hamstrung. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, I, too, object to the amendment. I think that it often bothered me when I heard the State Fire Marshal make a mandate that there be no burning and we had had a half inch of rain the night before in a particular area. I think due to the vast difference in atmospheric conditions and the difference in our humidity in the State of Nebraska that we should give those local