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my privilege to introduce two people in the North balcony, Senator Fowler's mother, Dorothy Fowler, and from Senator Hoagland's District, Senator Fowler's nephew, Luther Fowler. Will you folks hold up your hands so we can see you and welcome you? Welcome! From Senator Howard Peterson's District, 51 fourth grade students from Jefferson School, Grand Island, Chris Wykoff, Judy Kosmicki, teachers, in the North balcony. Will you raise your hand so we can see where you are? Good morning! Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I would rise to support the bill as amended. I feel that we do need more money for cancer research. I had an opportunity to tour the Eppley Institute the other night. I was very impressed with its facilities. I think we need to raise more money to keep it going. If you haven't toured the facility, I would strongly urge you to do so and learn more about cancer research. I realize that I don't understand everything that I saw the other evening or some of the presentations but I think it is real important that we do go ahead with more cancer research. I happen to live in an area where we think it has a high rate of cancer incidence and we are trying to find out more of what is causing it and why we are having it. I think that this is a good bill as amended and would urge your support, and as for Senator Koch, I would like to suggest that he perhaps would take up and start more chewing of tobacco instead of smoking. I realize that smoking three or four packs a day is very excessive. I urge you to support the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, first of all I would like to compliment Senator Koch for trying to build these buildings all by himself but don't overdo it, Senator. You may not live to build too long. I support the bill without any doubt. I look at it possibly as an insurance policy for people that smoke if they will just listen to what the statistics prove in the research but it is good. Let's pass it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. Speaker, members, I, too, rise in support of 506 as amended. Senator Hefner has probably stolen some of my thunder. I wanted to call the body's attention to a tour which a group of us took night before last which we inspected the Eppley Cancer Institute in Omaha. Very educational. Very interesting. Bringing the problem closer to home than ever before. The University of Nebraska has indicated that without the half million dollars being appro-