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SPEAKER MARVEL: Will you please record your presence while I introduce some guests to the Unicameral. From Senator Goodrich's district 23 students from the eighth grade, St. Joan of Arc, Omaha, Nebraska. Their teachers are Mrs. Marilyn Rochford, Mrs. Betty Morrison and Mrs. Rita Macaulay. You should be in the North balcony. Will you raise your hands so we can see where you are? Welcome to the Unicameral. From Senator Goll's district, 15 students from the ninth through the twelfth grade from Lyons Public School, Lyons, Nebraska, Mr. Floyd Brown and Mr. Dick Stevens, teachers, in the North balcony. Will you hold up your hands so we can see where you are? Welcome to the Unicameral. And underneath the South balcony as guests of Senator Labedz, Wolfgang Fischer of Munich, West Germany. Okay, we are under item number six. LB 404, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 404 was introduced by Senators Fowler, DeCamp, Rummery, Maresh and Marvel. (Read.) The bill was first read on January 20 of this year. It was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the Public Health and Welfare Committee did hold a hearing on this legislation. It is similar to LB 665 which was introduced last year by Senator Powers. An interim study was held by Senator Fowler and other members of a special committee and that resulted in LB 404. We did, through the committee, amend the bill substantially and I think what I will do is refer you to the bill book and the committee statement and go through those one by one and try and explain for you what the committee tried to accomplish with the amendments. I think I can say first off that the attempt was to limit the focus of the bill, to limit the expenditures of the bill and I think you will see as we go through that that is indeed the intent of these amendments. First off, the first amendment by the committee is that the requirement that statewide services be available by 1986 is deleted. That is to say that presently in the state of Nebraska the aging services only cover a portion of the state. It does not cover the entire state and we, as part of our attempt to keep the cost down, took out the requirement that all areas of the state would be served by these aging services. Presently, again, a number of areas of the