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PRESIDENT: Before I call on the next speaker, the Chair would like to introduce guests of Senator Wiitala, 39 students from Horace Mann school in Omaha, Chris Katronis their teacher, up here in the south balcony. We welcome Horace Mann to their Unicameral. Welcome. Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Vard Johnson, will you respond to a question or two? When you presented this bill last year, in 1981, did you present this particular amendment to the committee?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: And, what was the response?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The bill was voted out of committee without any change whatsoever.

SENATOR NICHOL: This was in your bill at that time?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Where did it get out?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: It came out on the floor a week ago on Final Reading.

SENATOR NICHOL: Correct. Thank you. Senator Beutler, has already discussed the situation again that we hashed over again a few days ago in regard to appointing an attorney for everybody that comes into court who is irresponsible. All right. We made that decision a few days ago. Here comes this particular amendment back in again. Now, it has been brought up several times this year in the Judiciary Committee the guardian's ad litem are appointed by judges and what happens? Nothing. Nothing. The attorneys do nothing. Here we are trying to put into a bill a situation where the court now has the right to appoint a guardian but must appoint a lawyer for all of these people. It seems we made this decision, lets stick to it. Lets either reject the thing or reject the bill when it comes around. But, I think we have dickered around with this bill for two years now, amending and amending and if it isn't in shape now it is getting late in the day to be changing it. I urge you not to support the Vard Johnson amendment.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

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