

we should have been in an area such as the accreditation-approval standards, for example, when we said we expect it to be done at a certain point in time when in actuality it was impossible to get it done at that point in time. As I indicated earlier, we are plowing new ground. We haven't even developed the test. As a matter of fact there is a number of committees meeting made up of citizens across this state trying to determine the procedures used to develop those tests and so forth, and it is simply a matter of we didn't have the time to do it under the time frame that the statute last year called for so the other purpose of LB 633 is to change some of those dates and make them more reflective of the real way that we can go about implementing it. That in a nutshell is the purpose of LB 633. I know there are other amendments pending, Mr. President, so I will just urge the adoption of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Very well. The Chair would like to interrupt debate to announce that in the south balcony seated up here for sometime have been a group of 40 fourth grade students from Knickrehm Elementary School in Grand Island. They are guests of Senator Nelson. They are accompanied by their teacher. If that group would stand up, please, we would like to welcome you to the Legislature, and then we have another group that is just coming in now, come on in, group, and take a seat, that are guests of Senator Goodrich. They are 49 fourth grade students from Westgate-Sunset schools in Omaha and they are accompanied by their teachers. And if you would all stand up now once you are in here, Senator Nelson is up there with her group, we would like to welcome you to the Legislature and thank you for coming down today. An amendment to LB 633.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Carson Rogers would move to amend the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rogers, are you around, Senator? May we have order in the Chamber, please. There is quite a bit of (gavel) noise level coming from underneath the balconies. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President, colleagues, this is a very simple amendment I think. It is a bill that I had before the Education Committee. It did come out of the Education Committee. I think you all received some handout. It is #1047. If you would simply turn to page 2, line 12 through