

with an extremely important measure here this morning, one that is extremely complicated, and I think that the distractions that are not necessarily undue, we all have a love for children and I appreciate that, but I think that we are being distracted to some degree with such an important issue that I think that we ought to give it our full attention. I would so move, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Let's go on the program. Senator Pirsch, are you prepared now to introduce the parents and the babies that are here and what this is about? Thank you.

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SPEAKER NICHOL: ...introduce some guests please that we have of Senator Rupp and I believe they are in the east balcony and they are 17 kindergarten children through second grade, District 83, St. Edward School with their teachers. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. I understand the babies are going to the rotunda to have their pictures taken and we will come back to order, please, and continue. We are on the Conway amendment but we will wait just a moment until we have order. If you would return to your desks please, we will try to get moving again on this very important subject. Senator Vard is up next but, Senator Vard, wait until we get settled down a little bit more. Please return to your desks. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Are grandparents going to have equal time one of these days?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, I would think so. Are yours here this morning?

SENATOR LAMB: Not today, maybe another day.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. I would ask those who have left the Chambers to please return so that we have some people to listen to the speakers because this is very important and I know we all realize it is. So I would ask those to please return to the Chamber so that we can move on. Thank you. Senator Johnson, I hate to keep you waiting but I just don't feel like proceeding without more of us here. Just a moment.