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me whatsoever. I could support this motion and I could support this amendment if it would be more specific as to what the baccalaureate degree was in. If the baccalaureate degree is in mathematics or accounting, then it would make some sense and I would suggest to Senator Beutler that he might change his motion, might change his amendment to that effect. If we are going to start putting in qualifications for elected officials, and I have some little problems with doing that, but I can support doing it if it has some tie to that office and I think it would have a tie to that office if it did require the things that I just mentioned. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I agree with what Senator Vickers said. I guess I am a perfect example. I don't know anything about accounting but I would qualify to be a State Auditor and I just don't see that this amendment is a reasonable qualification for that office, if it is a technical job, which I am not sure it is, I am not sure it is. I think probably the State Auditor is a management job and Senator Labedz said it very well yesterday in the case of Senator Mahoney when he became Director of Game and Parks. There was a lot of people thought that he was not qualified because he did not have some of the technical information. I think the State Auditor needs to be a management type. I am not sure having a baccalaureate degree assures anyone of that ability and we are putting things into the statute that really should not be here and we are in danger of passing elitist legislation that really is not practical.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers is next. However, I think we will break into the session, first of all to introduce some guests of Senator Nelson. I believe they have come and gone but there were 44 fourth graders from Wasmer Elementary School in Grand Island and teacher, but I believe they have gone. But this is Law Day. Yes, and as soon as the Clerk has read in a couple of things, we will begin our Law Day ceremonies for today.

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly, bills read on Final reading yesterday have been presented to the Governor, specifically 552 and 552A.