

debate to announce to accommodate some guests here, Senator Nelson has 32 eighth graders from District 38 of Shoemaker School in Grand Island in the south balcony accompanied by their teachers; and also Senator Carsten has 13 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from Avoca Elementary School in Avoca, Nebraska with their teacher and we would like to have you all stand, we will recognize you, and thank you for coming down to visit the Nebraska Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely, and then in the speaking order is Senator Harris, Barrett, Lamb, and Sieck.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, Senator Haberman withdrew his motion, is that correct? Oh, I am sorry, it is still up there. Okay, I guess I would obviously have to rise in opposition to it. I had hoped that Senator Haberman might withdraw it. I understand his concerns and he did a fine job of going through some of the history involved. I think all of us are more than aware of the facts of the situation. We have now struggled on for over a year and a half on the issue.

PRESIDENT: The call of the house is raised.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. We are very close I think to finally resolving it. I think all of us probably know that the time has come to deal with this issue. If we don't take action today and advance the bill, if we don't take action in the next couple of weeks and pass the bill, the issue will not go away. You withdraw it? Okay, I will give the rest of my time to Senator Haberman.

PRESIDENT: Senator, did you wish to use Senator Wesely's time, Senator Haberman? Are you withdrawing your motion, Senator Haberman?

SENATOR HABERMAN: (Microphone not on.) Yes.

PRESIDENT: Very well, motion to indefinitely postpone is withdrawn. Now we have a motion to advance the bill which is here and that is debatable. Does anyone wish to speak on the motion to advance the bill? Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I had planned on speaking in response to the filing of the motion by Senator Haberman for the indefinite postponement of LB 713 and I want to use this opportunity to