

there and even when we are not asked, particularly when we are not asked, and I know there are a lot of people on this floor that are standing up and saying, well, we are grandparents and we have the right to see our grandchildren and we love our grandchildren. Well, I love my grandchildren too. But when my children are raising their children the way that I don't agree with, I keep my damn nose out of it, because I remember how upset it used to make me if one of my children's grandparents tried to tell us how to do it. And that is really the issue. That is really the issue. I have some real problems with applying it even if the parents were never married. It makes no sense whatsoever. I urge the body, if you are going to pass this bill, if you are going to advance this bill, to at least adopt this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Vickers. Before the guests must leave, the Chair would announce that Senator Sieck has 34 fifth graders from York, Edison and Lincoln elementary schools in the south balcony accompanied by their teacher. And Senator Withem has 100 fourth graders from G. Stanley Hall School in LaVista with sponsors. We welcome you all to the Legislature. Please stand and be recognized. We have 24 minutes left for the hour...of the hour to debate and the Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this amendment has interestingly enough brought out something that you don't often see on a bill but that is always sitting there. But on this particular occasion I have never seen it so visible and that is this. We, as individuals, don't realize it but so frequently we are the most narrow minded, bigoted individuals in terms of our conception of what something should be. You heard Senator Hoagland get up and say, I, I, him, doesn't think that when the parents aren't married there is any relationship, they are just too distant. And, of course, Senator Vickers got up and echoed even stronger, what is this, somebody unmarried having kids? There can be no relationship for a grandparent under those circumstances. And I suspect in their minds that is correct, just like in the minds of John DeCamp, or Lowell Johnson on a particular issue, we tend to look at our particular personal growth situation, our environment. And so, Peter, from the blue blood, his class would consider, I rather suspect that people that actually went around breeding without being