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PRESIDENT: And before the other guests leave, 23 seventh graders from Emerson Hubbard School in Emerson, Nebraska are guests of Senator Conway, in the north balcony and teacher. Welcome to the Legislature. Nine minutes left for total debate. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me be very brief. I did not intend to obstruct the debate on this or draw the time. Let me...

PRESIDENT: The call of the house is raised.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me explain this amendment very briefly and then the body can vote on it as far as I am concerned. What this amendment would do is it would require the Supreme Court to appoint a study committee to look at the act and to recommend changes in this legislation by the beginning of next session. At the same time, it would delay the effective date of this act until next year to give the court an opportunity to do that. Now let me explain why. There are two or three very difficult procedural issues involved here. Let me use the example I used earlier where...and it is still apropos now that this amendment was rejected, where at age 20 I have an illegitimate child and I go my way and the mother of the child keeps the child and she goes her way and then she gets married and her husband wants to adopt the child. Now if we grant a statutory right to my parents to have visitation over that child, does their consent have to be obtained before that child can be adopted? Now let's say I am willing to give my consent to the adoption of the child but do my parents also have to consent to the adoption of the child? That is problem number one and that is the kind of problem that we have not dealt with in the committee amendments and I think a committee of attorneys and judges throughout the state could figure out amendments that are necessary to take care of that situation, another situation. How are the procedures going to work in cases where the grandparents are in a different county than the child or in cases where the child has moved out of the state? Or in a case where the noncustodial parent is in a different jurisdiction from the grandparents? This is a further example where I think we need a study committee to work out some of these details because there are going to be a lot of unanticipated consequences from enacting this as it is right now. So this