

own benefit and for the ultimate benefit of the people of the State of Nebraska through expanding the...and renovating and updating the hearing rooms. This particular appropriation is very appropriate in that we will be able to move some people into a more convenient area, give us a few opportunities and it would be money well spent in the long run. So I rise to support the motion of Senator Beutler to appropriate this money. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, would you like to speak about this Beutler amendment, please?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the Beutler amendment. I don't think we need that. I think if we want to move the senators down, well, we can go ahead with that. All we'd need in that thousand square foot room would be some partitions. We've been doing that for a number of years and I just feel that we don't need to appropriate \$25,000 to accomplish this. I would like to see them move down from the eighth floor too, so I would just say at this time, let's reject the Beutler amendment and go on with some other amendments to 722.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp is next, but may I introduce some guests of Senator Richard Peterson. In the south balcony are 50 fourth grade students from Norfolk Elementary School in Norfolk, Nebraska, with two teachers. Would all of you folks please stand and be recognized? Welcome from Norfolk and Madison County, isn't it? Okay, we're glad to have you with us today. Senator Chambers and Senator DeCamp do not seem to be here at the moment. Senator Beutler, would you like to close on your motion, please?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, once again this an amendment to add about \$24,000, a little less than \$24,000, to the budget of the Public Council whom we know primarily as the Ombudsman so that the Executive Board will have the flexibility to consider the possibility of moving the Ombudsman's Office which is space for about two senators to a location outside of the building. So the rent money, the moving cost and a few miscellaneous items of furniture and onetime moving expenses, those are the expenditures for which the money is being asked and even at that, of course, I want to remind you once again that that move may not be made, but it would allow the Executive Board to consider that move. It is a move that is probably