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having worked for the people of Nebraska and one other 6...18 month period, I never worked for anybody else. But I would hope that you'd look at what Senator Landis and Senator Wesely's bill is really trying to do. It is to give enough flexibility to an individual. They are still going to be responsible for what they do, if it is frivolous, the bill doesn't excuse that, but it will provide an opportunity...maybe some of the changes that could be just simple efficiency, a better way to do it, doesn't necessarily have to be fraud, could be helpful to all of us in state government.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, then Senator Schmit, then Senator Landis.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Wesely may close. But may I introduce some guests in the south balcony, please. Senator Goll has 12 seventh and eighth grade students from St. Paul's Lutheran in Arlington, Nebraska, accompanied by their teacher. Would you please stand. Thank you. Senator Wesely, would you like to close please?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank Senator Warner for that speech. I hope all of you had a chance to listen to it. He brought back the focus on what this bill is really all about, it's people, it's employees not well paid, individuals that are good workers, who work for their supervisors and superiors who find something wrong and then find that they aren't able to get anything done through the normal channels, and they feel somebody ought to find out what is going on, so they wish and they desire to speak out and tell the truth. As a result of that they have the potential of losing their job, thus harming their families, and thus they decide not to do so. What we are saying in this bill is those kinds of people ought to be protected. Those kind of people ought to be encouraged to

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