

not germane.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion by any member on the point of germaneness? The Chair would rule that the amendment is not germane. Do you wish to challenge? Very well, the amendment has been declared nongermane and the Chair would like to announce on behalf of Senator Pirsch that we have some guests from Benson West Elementary. Are we still with us up here? Okay, 125 fourth graders from Benson West Elementary in Omaha accompanied by five teachers. They are all in the north balcony and we thank you very much for your interest in coming down to Lincoln today to watch the Legislature in session. If you would stand, we'd like to recognize you and thank you for coming. And also the Chair has done additional research on a very sensitive matter and found out that today, March 12 is the feast day of the birth of Senator Bill Nichol, my opponent, and I guess we should all wish him a happy birthday, wherever you are, Senator Nichol. If he comes back in, we'll give him a round. Next matter, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on LB 153.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Move its advancement.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to advance LB 153 from Select File. All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion carried. The bill is advanced. LB 153A.

CLERK: 153A, Senator, I do have E & R amendments pending.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I'd move the E & R amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the E & R amendments. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. The motion carried. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Senator.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I'd move that LB 153A be advanced to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance LB 153A from Select