

SENATOR CARSTEN: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 960 with the emergency clause be passed? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? LB 960 does carry the E clause. Have you all voted? One more time, have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2363-64 of the Legislative Journal.) 36 ayes, 5 nays, 6 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: A majority of the members of the Legislature having voted in the affirmative, LB 960 passes with the emergency clause attached. At this point, the Chair would like to on behalf of Senator Hannibal and Senator Chizek introduce to the Legislature 70 fourth and fifth graders from Crestridge Elementary School in Omaha. They are in the north balcony with their teachers. If you would stand, we would be most happy to recognize you and welcome you to the Unicameral. Now, members of the Legislature, this brings us down to the point that I made a little while ago relative to recessing and then reconvening a little bit early. Some of the senators have come to me and volunteered to do some reading for the Clerk since the Clerk does have a couple of hours of office work that is really essential for the remainder of our session that he get done. And the Speaker's order to me was to recess at noon and come back at one-thirty, but in light of the fact that the next bill is an extremely long bill, it did not seem advisable to start on it and the Chair has suggested an early recess, but this other element has arisen and the Chair is going to ask the body what your reaction is to having members of the Legislature taking turns of reading the bill on Final Reading before we decide. Senator Warner, would you like to speak to that, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I appreciate the length but I would oppose the concept. Number one, I am willing to hang around and I will ask for a quorum call if that is what I have to do under Rule 1-10. There is a lot of things we can do in this body and one of the things you do not do is make a mockery out of Final Reading. As borderline as it is, I appreciate time is a problem, but...and I have no objections to the members reading, that is not the issue. But I do have a problem for this body to have a vacant Chamber reading Final Reading. That kind of publicity we don't need.