

its consideration, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb, just before we proceed, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature first before we start. We have...under the south balcony we have John Powers and his son, Chris. They're from Elmwood, Nebraska and they're guests of Senator Robinson. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Lamb, would you like to just give us a quick update on the amendment and kind of get us up to speed on that, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. If you would care to open your Legislative Journal to page 316, you can...you can see the amendment. It does two or three things. One of the more important things it does is it makes the bill constitutional by requiring that the school lands would be sold at auction. That is a constitutional requirement. Then there is some language in there that is designed to ease the fears of those who think that possibly some of this money would be used for a purpose other than schools. And then you may also remember that Senator Withem offered an amendment to the amendment which was adopted yesterday and that stated that the sale of this land would be at no less than appraised value as determined pursuant to Section 72-204. So I'm pleased that Senator Withem caught the fact that that was not in the bill and we had not put that statement in the bill in committee. But that's important because, under the amendment now, none of this school land could be sold at less than the appraised value and that would be set by independent appraisers. So that's where the amendment is at this point and I hope there's no objection to this amendment. I would...I would like to see the amendment adopted because I think it does make it a better bill. Whether or not you vote for the bill is another matter, but I think the amendment should be adopted.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Haberman, on the Lamb amendment. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I was going to call the question on the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: There's only one other light on. I think we'll go to Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, I mentioned yesterday in the