

little bit different way, and it's just kind of fun to see the difference in how the Legislature reacts to the same types of things, but in a little bit different manner. And I assume that we will at some point get through LB 627 and get a vote one way or another, but, Senator Chambers, it is interesting to watch the dynamics at play. You've been here many, many years and see the differences. I, being still relatively new, I'm still relatively amazed at the change of heart on different procedures at various times. Just wanted to comment briefly about that, couldn't resist as Senator Kristensen knew I would not be able to. That's all.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Before we proceed with the next speaker, I would like to call the Legislature's attention to the south balcony where we have visiting us today 47 fifth graders from the Elkhorn Valley School at Tilden, Nebraska. They are guests of Senator Dierks and Senator Day and their teachers are with them. Will you please rise and be greeted by your Legislature. Thank you for being with us today. Senator Chambers, would you like to speak on this first section?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Witek a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Witek, what would be the impact on the population of the jails? Well, we're talking about the penitentiary because the only thing that is a felony is an offense that will have a person confined to the penitentiary. What impact would this have on the prison population?

SENATOR WITEK: Well, I can't really look into the future and tell you what impact it will have. I'm hoping that the impact that it will have is to be a deterrent for anyone out on parole not to commit another felony and lose their parole.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which...are we dealing with Section 1?

SENATOR WITEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I want to be sure. Well, the only new