

change procedures, mechanisms; where, if it becomes mandatory, this procedure is set in statute. If you want changes or it doesn't work very well for them, they have to come back here and make the changes and thus you move from a system of operating within cooperatively among yourselves to having you deal with the state Legislature and dealing with everybody's problems instead of just your own and my impression would be that they would have some hesitancy to do that. In terms of the goal of protecting society, it has no difference. If all you're interested in is safety, it shouldn't matter if it's voluntary or mandatory.

SENATOR CROSBY: Madam, do I have any more time?

PRESIDENT MOUL: About a minute and a half, Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay. I just think that...I think that Senator Kristensen just expressed it so well that this does mandate and then it makes whomever feels that the system isn't working, in order to change it if we put this in the statute and the procedure is mandated, then we have to come back to the Legislature to change it. They can't work within their own organization. So I'm on the horns of a dilemma here because I do see the point about the rest of the people, the people who are not in it need to be. But those who are in it and who it's working, it's difficult for me to see why we have to come along and tell them how to do their business. So I thank you for answering my questions. I'm still not quite sure about the whole bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Before we proceed, I would again like to call your attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Moore are 45 fourth graders from Willard School in York, Nebraska, and their teachers. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members of the body, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Kristensen if I could, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I...in your discussion with Senator Crosby, you indicated that...I guess you indicated that you're not