

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...who attend home schools would be required to regularly attend public schools, but I don't think that is what the body should try to do my means of subterfuge on this bill. Why is it so difficult if they mean that a home school qualifies, why is it so difficult for them to state it? Because they haven't read the bill and they're not concerned about those things. Senator Vrtiska probably has home schools in his district, there are others who do, but you all don't care. It doesn't mean that much to you. And as for what the Omaha Housing Authority has done, Senator Bohlke, there have been lawsuits that tenants have won overturning things that OHA has done and just the other day a federal court overturned a provision in public housing that allows random searches for weapons. The judge said you cannot blanketly waive the Constitution for a certain group and category of people.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's what OHA and others have done.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks wishes to announce that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are six Bloomfield High School students here with their teacher in the south balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Thank you. Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak to the Chambers amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members, as I said before, Senator Schimek with her language that watered down the section would probably just as well repeal the section because it was merely an intent that had really no actionable response to the concern. So at least Senator Chambers is being up front with the desire to deal with the issue straight on. But I would oppose both the Chambers amendment and the Schimek amendment and tell you that we've already taken the step of recognizing that education is a value that we hold high in our state, we require that people attend school between the age of six and seventeen, I believe. Senator Byars would know better than I because he has tried to make some changes and Senator Beutler has as well that we value education to a point where we require children under those ages to attend school. We've taken that step already to say we want our kids in school. Now in this particular area we have the ability to take an additional step to say, look, if you don't even make a reasonable effort to try and encourage your child to attend school and you are required