

will happen soon. Lastly though, inasmuch as this is probably the last time I'll speak on the legislative floor, I just want to express my intense gratitude to all the members of this body who work so hard to put this compromise together. I feel very proud to vote for the rural issues in this bill. I feel extremely proud of that. This bill brings our state together in one bill. Certainly the issues that we are concerned about in Omaha are not necessarily the issues that are concerned...are the concern of people in Ewing necessarily. We think about different things because we have different day to day concerns. But what this bill does is it brings together all of those concerns, desires for our state and for its people together into one bill. I am extremely proud of this...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...I'm extremely proud of all of those of you who helped so much in bringing it about. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. There are nine junior and senior high school students here from Community Christian School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, with their teacher. They are in the south balcony. Will you all stand to be recognized, please. Thank you. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I rise to also make some comments which I think are necessary for me to do at this time. I come from a district that is going to be helped a great deal by this bill. Many of the people are going to appreciate the change in tax policy on the breeding stock. They're also going to appreciate the ethanol funding and they're going to appreciate some change in the fertilizer tax eventually, hopefully, and where some of that money is going. And for that reason it is extremely difficult for me to cast a no vote. And I don't want that to be a reflection on either the people that put this deal together or the issues that my district is very concerned about and that's not it at all. I do need to explain my opinion and my position on that. As this legislation developed at the twelfth hour, we're putting in a position, we're put in a position of having to compromise not just issues, but probably our principles on tax policy and some of those areas that we have strong feelings about. Whether you be in Senator Schimek's position or Senator Crosby's position or my position or wherever you're coming from, we were put in a