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open meetings law. This bill has nothing to do with the people's right to know. I recognize it for what it is. It is welfare for the newspaper publishing industry.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Now as I understand the bill the way it stands now, it is that any city over 20,000 must publish this and any city under 20,000 need not, or the other way around, I should say. Any city under 20,000 must publish this. Any city over 20,000 does not need to publish it. Is that correct? I guess I should direct my question to Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: (Mike off). The bill simply says that any city over 40,000 must not, any under 40,000 does.

SENATOR NICHOL: OK, then it is at 40,000, we draw the line.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Everybody in a city under 40,000 must know, those over 40,000 don't need to know. Is that correct?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: There is only two cities over 40,000 and that is Lincoln and Omaha and we just disposed of that issue just about five minutes ago.

SENATOR NICHOL: Then that's half of the population doesn't need to know. Is that correct?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I believe this is called inductive logic, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes. Well, the only question is, is this fair?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Nichol, I am not sure if we are debating the previous amendment that lost under a legitimate vote of the House and that relates to Lincoln and Omaha, so the remarks I made, Mr. Chairman, on the Lincoln and Omaha issue that Senator Maresh proposed applies to this one so I don't have to repeat them.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the bill be advanced to E & R Initial. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: Record vote read. See Page 815, Journal. 28 ayes, 5 nays, 16 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Just leaving in the South balcony are some guests of Senator Hasebroock. They are from the Pebble Valley School at West Point. Thank you for coming.

CLERK: LB 78 introduced by Senator Cal Carsten of the 2nd District. Read title. There are no Committee amendments, Mr. President. There are amendments offered by Senator Cal Carsten who is the introducer of the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the amendment was brought to my attention by Senator Goodrich and it certainly does correct an error that we did not intend to be in the bill and what it does is to strike on Page 2,