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cock fight, under this bill Senator Bereuter if he still does that becomes a criminal the moment it is passed and signed into law. I mention museums, I mention museum, there Senator Chambers explained to you that no museums are OK, but unfortunately the Attorney General doesn't agree. I mention falconery, unfortunately we have outlawed that. You see what we have all forgotten, is that number one it is a criminal law, and those who are lawyers in the room or have legal training can tell you these little basic rules. The criminal law, and it is strictly construed, OK, the original bill came from 1904 was an old California law but we played around with it. We recognized the breadth and width of this bill out on this floor. We recognize that it covers literally everything, and so to correct it we made specific exemptions. We exempted dogs for hunting, we exempted animals training for rodeos and we exempted animals training for show. We didn't exempt animals training for any of the other purposes that they are trained for, we didn't exempt any of the other purposes that this bill covers. We left in the illegalities of merely raising chickens, fighting cocks. We made that illegal. There are a lot of people in this state who raise them, ship them to other states develop blood lines. We made all of that illegal. If you want to carry it a little further, there are fighting cocks or these chickens for one reason or other shipped on interstate transportation through this state.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, excuse me. Could I inquire of you, as the Chairman of the Rules Committee I would like to ask you a question. You have a motion to return for a specific amendment to strike the enacting clause which is essentially to kill the bill. It sounds to me as though you are giving the same arguments that you were giving the other day and I realize that we do argue motions to return but this is the first one that I have heard of this nature when it is just to return to kill. Do you think that your argument now violates the rule against arguing on Final Reading?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Now you are asking a little bit of a biased opinion. I can't imagine me ever violating one of those rules. However, I'll introduce some new arguments, hows that?

PRESIDENT: We are not supposed to have argument on Final Reading and if there is something of substance in your motion other than kill, we usually allow it. But, it seems to me that this is a up or down motion.

SENATOR DE CAMP: There is something. There is one major issue finally. For seven years the...

PRESIDENT: Will you exercise some restraint then, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes, yes, I think that I have got most of the issues out. For seven years the Judiciary Committee, Senator Luedtke, Senator Chambers, all of these members in here have worked on a complete revision of our criminal code.