

SENATOR DUIS: I was wondering, we are going to postpone the arguments in regard to the recodification of the criminal code tomorrow, why couldn't we put it off today and take our Final Reading so that we have some of these folks who are desirous of having a bill passed.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: So as to avoid any further delay of time, which is my big gripe anyway, why don't you just put it to a motion to the floor to override the Speaker's agenda and take it up if you want to that way. That is all right with me.

SENATOR DUIS: I don't want you to get perturbed about it.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I am not going to be perturbed but you are just fouling up the schedule is all.

SENATOR DUIS: I am wondering why we didn't take up yesterday's and again today we are going to be delayed.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Let's not waste time talking about it. Let's do it one way or another.

SENATOR DUIS: I am glad you are not perturbed.

PRESIDENT: We are glad you are glad, Senator Duis. We go now to LB 38.

CLERK: We are still on Article 7. There is pending some amendments to Article 7. Yes, the next amendment up, Mr. President, is offered by Senator DeCamp. It is found on page 1057 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I moved the adoption of the amendment yesterday. I explained it. It has to do with the parents not being liable for criminal nonsupport if, when they have not been consulted in an abortion or have not been involved in any way, or have refused their permission, then it says they will not be liable if they refuse to pay the doctor's bill. Remember we are talking several hundreds of dollars and so I would move adoption of the amendment intact without amendment, and I think I have discussed it enough.

CLERK: Page 1057 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: There are no lights, but I will hold up voting here for a few minutes so that you can refresh your...that was 1057. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues, a question of Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SENATOR KELLY: John, reading this, we are making an exception where parents will not be criminally liable for not paying a bill and my question isn't to that so much as for background understanding. Why is it necessary to put this specific language in the criminal code. Are parents criminally liable for not paying a bill or something?