SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...this thing before us, a guilty conscience needs no accuser so I'm not pointing fingers at all. I'm making hats and when your size comes up, you put it on. That says April 12, is today April 12, 1977?

SENATOR BARNETT: I sure hope so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this the United States of America?

SENATOR BARNETT: I think so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this the Nebraska Legislature?

SENATOR BARNETT: I hope so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are we supposed to be here to protect the rights and privileges of the citizens?

SENATOR BARNETT: We sure are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the Constitution of the United States of the State of Nebraska and all constitutional laws, we are supposed to uphold those things?

SENATOR BARNETT: We sure are. I so say.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Barnett, all I can say is even the God's labor in vain against stupidity. That's no reference to you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I would support this amendment to strike the section on criminal syndicalism. This was adopted in 1919 as part of a reaction to a certain political philosophy called syndicalism that no longer exists. The fact that no one has been convicted under this statute is understandable because the philosophy no longer exists. What it says is that if you advocate syndicalism, it's a crime. No one, anymore, advocates syndicalism. Most people probably don't even know what it is anymore. Now there is a whole another section dealing with conspiracy. If you get together to conspire to attack a government building, bomb something or something else, that is already covered in the statute. All this says is if you advocate this out-of-date philosophy, it's a Class III felony. That's really no longer necessary; it's never been used. I can't really conceive for any need for it for being in the criminal code. I support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I, too, arise to support this amendment. I think Senator Chambers said about all that one could say about it. It is something that should not be on the statute books. I would ask Senator Maresh if he knows whether this section of the criminal code has ever been used or if anyone has ever said that it had to be, absolutely had to be in the code. I do not recall any prosecutor who is in the recent period of time that has spoken to us about keeping it in the code. In answer to Senator Maresh, why it was not removed, the fact was that it was in there and the Judiciary Committee took the position they were not going to take anything out of it pending amendment on