

from that place in Colgate, Oklahoma, and I think that's a pretty good recommendation in terms of marriage. What I think Senator Barnett is doing and I think Senator Venditte's remarks on age certainly has nothing to do with maturity or time and some marriages are very successful at those times, particularly as Linda says if I'm gone four or five days a week. That kind of helps too. But I do think that this will straighten it out and let's make it very clear here at least, that it is seventeen once and for all and get it over with.

PRESIDENT: No more lights. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Just a word in closing. As Senator Keyes evidently doesn't understand what I'm doing because the law of today will be eighteen and sixteen and if he doesn't do a darn thing it will still stay there and we'll still tell the young people when they can get married. He can vote against it if he wants to. I think that's his privilege but the thing of it is the state statutes now say eighteen for males, sixteen for female. What you have decided by objecting or reducing or rejecting the Committee amendments is to leave it as the bill was written so that both parties will be seventeen years of age. I'm not changing the age at all. What I am doing is clarifying the language where it says both parties so that the people in here that have some doubt about both parties being the same sex will be very clear in anybody's mind. This will be opposite parties have to be both seventeen years of age if you adopt my amendment. That's all there is to it.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Barnett amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

SENATOR BARNETT: I don't know whether this is important or not, but before we advance it do you suppose we need the emergency clause on this? I wouldn't think so. If somebody wants it on they can put it on in Select File. I'd move that we advance LB 165 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay on the advancement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. There is an error on your sheet. I think we've already handled the next bills so we go to LB 262.

CLERK: Mr. President, (Read title to LB 262). The bill was first read on January 13, 1977. It was referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. It was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are no amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator De Camp. We have a Banking bill here. That's the price of fame, Senator.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there apparently aren't any Committee amendments, is that right?