

year. Never discussed, just barricaded it so I urge you to reject Senator Chambers' motion and adopt the proposal I put up there which is to take it up following that Omaha sales tax thing for an hour or whatever.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would also have to rise in opposition to Senator Chambers' amendment. As it has been explained, the bill was bracketed for the 20th. The bill would have to take its place after a bill that is very important to the City of Omaha. That bill is going to take considerable time, I am sure, but I believe this bill comes as no surprise to anyone. The bill has been discussed many, many times in the interim study sessions and out. It was discussed at some length on the floor at various times last year. I believe the bill has deserved to be heard. I believe it deserves to be heard in the manner in which it has been offered by Senator DeCamp and I would ask you to vote against Senator Chambers' motion to delay the bill another two weeks. I can caution you that delays, as our Speaker has pointed out many times, is tantamount to defeat, and while it may seem as a very small consideration today, two weeks from now, it may be of prime consideration. The budget bills will be on the floor and it would be virtually impossible to enact such legislation by that time that is controversial in nature. I would hope that you would defeat Senator Chambers' amendment and continue to discuss the bill at the time it was supposed to be discussed on the 20th of this month.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Before we take up the closing, Senator Chambers, the Chair would like to introduce in the North balcony five senior girls from Ogallala, Nebraska. Would they stand and be recognized. They are not here. Maybe they have already gone. Okay. Senator Chambers, would you close then on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Senator DeCamp a question. Senator DeCamp, as you approach your mike, did you say the other day that you didn't need that so-called cloture rule to get the products liability bill through, that you had the votes? Did you say something to that effect?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I will tell you exactly what I said. I said words to the effect that products liability can rise or fall on its own merits without the need for a cloture rule, that if the bill has its own strength, it should have enough strength to do whatever is necessary to advance it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here is what I am asking you, did you say, "I don't need this for products liability"?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I don't remember the exact quote. I indicated that the cloture rule was not being proposed by me for products liability. Now I repeat that again, cloture rule had nothing to do with products liability as far as I am concerned.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Senator DeCamp, if this bill...