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some of those acts of violence are that harm neither person nor property. I think when you make a situation such as the one that is being made by this bill a part of the Nebraska statutes, the whole law is being treated contemptuously and the whole law will be brought into contempt as it should be.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you talk about this act of violence, to go back to that for an instant, and there is no degree of harm that must result to any individual, then it is difficult to know what they mean by acts of violence. But there are a lot of things in this bill that the Legislature as a whole may be unaware of the meaning but even the introducers don't know. But now they say they are willing to listen. No, they are not because my approach to the bill is going to be such that they cannot accept any amendments. They have drawn the boundaries in which they are going to operate and I think they should be made to stay there. The point to remember is that there are certain types of speech which are protected by the Constitution against infringement by the state. And if those words are uttered and they are protected, then the intent with which those words are uttered cannot convert them into unprotected speech. If I can say, down with the Nebraska Legislature, and my intent in saying those words is that the building would crumble, that doesn't make any difference. The words are still protected no matter what kind of law is passed by this Legislature. So my motion is to kill this bill and I hope that a majority of you will vote with me.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to indefinitely postpone 772. All those in favor vote...oh, I am getting all mixed up here. I apologize. We just started that debate. Senator DeCamp. The motion is to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, I will call the question.

PRESIDENT: Well, I will put the question to you. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate on the motion to indefinitely postpone. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.