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What it comes down to is there is no state law that prohibits the, the viewing of whether electronically, through a video tape recorder, or naturally or by whatever means of viewing somebody who is in a state of undress in a place in which they would be expected to be in a state of undress. What LB 908 does is, as originally introduced, it would prohibit someone from being viewed in a place of solitude or seclusion without his or her consent. What the committee amendments would do is to narrow that, the press association or the media of Nebraska, I guess, had some concern about that, about the way the bill was drafted. We worked, before committee worked with their concerns and were able to satisfy that. In this, the committee amendments would do is a couple of things. One is it makes it clear that the, that it's either electronic or natural viewing. Number two, it clarifies it to, clarifies the language to make it not so broad as to cover any, any place where, of seclusion but rather a place of seclusion where one would be expected to be in a state of undress and it specifically adds that. And the final thing it does is it adds to the list of specific places, which is not all inclusive but it does specify some, is the dressing room, the dressing room terminology. With that I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments and I'll be happy to answer any questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Prior to responding to the numerous questions that people have up here I'd like to introduce the doctor of the day, Dr. Dorothy Zink from Omaha is sitting under the north balcony. Doctor, welcome. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to support LB 908, very quickly. I can tell you that this measure, in a criminal fashion, gets to an issue that I introduced years ago, and that's called the right of privacy, which creates a civil form of remedy for much the same thing. At that time I can tell you that the press association was dead set against a right of privacy in this state. And credit managers and credit bureaus were violently opposed to a right of privacy in this state. I am delighted to know that it could be on a consent calendar bill twelve or thirteen years later, that special interest groups who have blocked consistently right of privacy legislation in this state recognize, at least in a limited way, that people ought to have rights to their privacy.