

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

February 6, 2004 LB 172, 227

in the same way that these venal employers are being given a license by the Legislature to put these children in dangerous circumstances in order to make profit. Children are expendable once they come out of the birth canal. Those in the womb have more concern than children out here. I had an article that I clipped, and I'll hand it around at some point, where this man in Nebraska married women so he could abuse their daughters. He was a stepfather. He was creating a situation of the kind we discussed on LB 172 where a man will abuse and even impregnate his own daughters. This man married women for that purpose, and it was found to be the case in a Nebraska Supreme Court decision handed down a few days ago. If you watch national television, or television that covers national issues, you will see that there are various types of child slavery engaged in throughout the world, and Americans participate, and people cluck, cluck, and they tsk, tsk, and talk about how terrible that is. Then this Legislature is going to give a license to these exploiters, to these profit-seekers to put children in dangerous situations to make money for the employer and be exempt from responsibility. Why, when a person during slavery would rent another slave master's slave, if something happened to that slave, the one who rented the slave had to respond in damages, only damage to property, because we were not considered human beings, and we're not considered human beings now. But because I know how hellish it is to go through every waking hour aware of your lack of status as a person and a human being in this society that I cannot sit and watch that happen to others who have no voice and cannot help themselves and cannot come to this floor and say, stop. I am going to be the seashore, Senator Vrtiska. Let the ocean waves roar. Let them sink the biggest ship that America or any other country...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...can construct. Let there be huge storms that generate hurricanes, and let them try to wash up and take away the cities. But when they reach the beach, the beach says, this far you'll come and no further. And that's what I'm saying about the Legislature. You can pass every manner of ridiculous anti-child legislation you please, but on this bill to Ernie Chambers' neighborhood shall you come and no further. Thank