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it isn't even necessary to have this in there at all. But let's not use LB 316 to create a right to privacy act for everything else. Senator Johnson brought out several reasons why this should not be the bill in which we should attempt to create a general right of privacy act. This is not the place to do it. The place to do it is in the other bill that is in Judiciary which is Senator Landis' bill which he is working on to make it palatable apparently to make it pass this House and I think he will get the job done but this is not the place to argue Senator Landis' bill. There are other problems having to do with credit, banking, news media, whatever, but this isn't the place to argue that. We are arguing about an abortion bill and the right of a lady having an abortion and her rights of the information held by her physician. This should not go into the general right of privacy act. Senator Dworak has criticized my amendment but I don't know if he realizes all of the ramifications into which we will be getting if we go on with this thing. Senator Johnson has repeatedly said some things that go far beyond LB 316 and far beyond the abortion act. Now we are talking about apartment owners, of course there is a problem there. What does apartment owners and throwing a renter out in the street in the cold have to do with abortion? I don't think much. What does the news media taking pictures of people have to do with abortion? Nothing. We are getting into a new field here. Now the Johnny Carson problem will not be solved by leaving this amendment alone. Why? Because we don't have a general right of privacy act in Nebraska and it will never be solved until you do. If you want to solve these other problems we are talking about, then get behind Senator Landis and support his bill with whatever amendments you may have or may not have. I am concerned only about LB 316 and the rights of that lady. That is all. I don't want to go on a witch hunt with several who have made a deal which I wasn't a part of. I don't know why. I guess the deal was just among a few who wanted to ram this down our throats and I don't like to have things like this rammed down my throat and I don't think you do either. I urge you to support my amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the adoption of the Nichol amendment to LB 316. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. A record vote. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I ask for a Call of the House and a record vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: A Call of the House has been requested. All