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DeCamp amendments, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. I have carefully reviewed them. I believe that they are sound. I believe that they are in accord with the opinion from the Attorney General and that these amendments, while not curing all of the constitutional problems in the bill, will clearly make this bill and the underlying statute more constitutional than it presently is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close on your motion to adopt the amendments?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I hope my fellow legislators don't feel I have treated them like children and beguiled them. I doubt that any of them feel that way. I certainly have not beguiled my good friend, Senator Chambers. He is not the type that can be beguiled and I am sure that nobody else is either. As we work on any major subject and you tell me a subject that is more difficult or more laden with emotion than abortion, as we work on that and try to find what the frontiers of what we can do are, we have to approach the constitutional limits. I have said that for seven years. We are trying to find out what can be done and indeed, that is what we are doing now and as the Attorney General's opinion indicated and as I have recited repeatedly on the floor on this subject, what we are trying to do is get something that is constitutionally defensible and if we lose we come back and redo it. We have wcn about half over the years. We have lost about half, but we kept narrowing the areas of confusion and we kept learning more about what we can and cannot do and that is what we are doing today.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment as discussed in four different paragraphs to LB 316. All those in favor of adopting that amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the DeCamp amendment to 316. Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the amendment is adopted. Senator DeCamp, do you want to move the bill to rerefer to E & R for engrossment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to rerefer 316 to E & R for