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engrossment. All those in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried and the bill has been rereferred. The Chair now recognizes Senator Venditte.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Where is the amendment? Have you passed out copies of your amendment, Senator Venditte?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes, I have, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you in the process now?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Can you wait just a minute? I am trying to locate the amendments. Go ahead, Senator Venditte. You are now speaking to the motion to return the bill for the specific amendment you are referring to.

SENATOR VENDITTE: And the amendments have been handed out and the amendments refer to the white copy, request #2661. I guess you might say this may be an effort in futility this morning but, I think if I can capture the attention of the members of the Legislature just but for a few moments this morning, I think I have some concrete information to give the members of the Legislature regarding the amendments that I have put on your desk. A great deal has happened with 361, or 316 since we began debating the bill. In my opinion I think a great deal that has been done has been done in haste. So much of what has happened to the bill has happened without the Legislature knowing full well what the long range implications might be to 316. Senator Hoagland and Senator Johnson want to write a bill that is constitutional. Yes, I do too, but I think they have been blowing smoke to the members of the Legislature regarding the word constitutional. What I am attempting to do here, ladies and gentlemen, is a very simple thing and that thing has to do with right to privacy. Now what about right to privacy? The Supreme Court in the Danforth case, the Roe v. Wade case which has been brought before the members of this Legislature constantly since we have been debating 316 have said that the courts have said that without a question, the doctor has a right to privacy as does the mother. They are wrong. They are absolutely wrong. The doctor does not have the right to privacy. The courts have not said that. Only the people in this Legislature have said that. That is what I am trying to do. I think the public has a right to know