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to do what Senator Venditte is talking about here this morning.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to be recognized on the Venditte amendment? And then Senator Marsh is up next.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Patrick, I know you're very sincere but I hate to have you put a hooker in this amendment that could...I mean in this bill that could maybe destroy the entire bill, and I say that because the subject you have and you're very sincere and very intense about is quite different from what we're dealing with, and though I agree, you know, it's germane, it deals with the criminal laws, I just wonder if we shouldn't use a separate bill or maybe a bill that relates more to the topic, and I kind of hope you'd do that but I don't think I'm going to convince you. I would say this, you may remember...you may remember that before we ever adopted this proposal that we have on the books now regarding prostitution, there were no laws in the entire state on prostitution. Each local community was allowed to have their own, and Omaha had what they wanted. Ah ha, and then, because of yourself and some others that wanted to take care of those other naughty girls out, well, in Neligh, and O'Neill and Valentine, you decided we had to have a law that applied to all of them, and so we've got a law that applies to all of them. Now I would go along quite frankly with letting you do what you want with your gals in Omaha, you know, and going back to the old way, let each community write their own laws on the subject. Maybe that would be more reasonable. Go back to the way it was, and I'd support that, even if you wanted to almost do it here. Does that make sense to you?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you asking Senator Venditte a question?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you yield?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Steve, you could live with that, couldn't you? Huh?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you yield?

SENATOR VENDITTE: John, could you repeat the question, please?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, previously each community could