

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the purpose of a law, when it is enacted, is to make sure that it's provisions apply equally to any person who will place himself or herself under the perimeters defined by that law, or within those perimeters. So I stand by what I said, and any other time an issue comes upon the floor and I feel I have to use my method of expressing myself, I shall do that, and while doing it I've got to give a piece of advice to people who sometimes become a bit distressed more than they ought to under the circumstances.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Venditte amendment to the Committee amendment. Is that right? Okay. Senator Venditte, the Chair recognizes you to close.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, I will be very brief in light of the comments that have been made thus far. Senator Chambers had indicated earlier that there is no way we can handle this situation...no way we can handle this situation. Ladies and gentlemen, the Omaha City Council had adopted an ordinance, I don't know how many years ago, that dealt with prostitution and dealt with it in a very severe way, and never...never had we had the problem with prostitution in the City of Omaha until the Legislature enacted a very liberalized criminal code here two years ago. Do we know better than they? In this instance I don't think that is the case. Senator Marsh, there are not just female prostitutes. As the record will show last night, there were male prostitutes arrested as well. As for Senator Chambers' barbershop, I was there. I know where it's at. I was with Senator Chambers in that barbershop one morning for an hour, hour and a half, discussing a particular item of interest to me in this Legislature as a result of legislation that I had introduced. So, I'm not sure what his point was there. I'm not sure if those people getting a haircut there that morning knew who I was, but nonetheless I certainly was there. In talking with Senator...or with City Prosecutor Gary Bucchino a week ago last Friday on this very matter, he had indicated to me that there are more robberies, there are more homicides that have been directly linked to prostitution in the City of Omaha than ever before. Since the law had been decriminalized and more liberalized we are as I said earlier getting girls from Chicago...they're coming in from all over the country. They're laughing at the law. Come down town in Omaha any night. Pick your corner. Black, white...pick your color. All ethnic origins...Mexican-Americans, Italian-Americans, there is no law as far as they