

to appear, underneath the South balcony it is my pleasure to introduce Cindy Hefner who is Senator Hefner's daughter. Where are you? Senator Burrows, would you record your presence? Senator Warner. He is excused. Senator Von Minden, Senator Kremer. Senator Kremer, we are looking for Senator Kremer. Senator Beutler, everybody is here but Senator Kremer. Can we proceed with the roll call? Okay, the Clerk will call the roll.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote as found on page 606 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers now moves to amend the bill. (Read Chambers amendment as found on pages 606-607 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, since this position that is being taken on this bill springs from religious motivations, I am speaking for some groups who have no representation on this floor, namely those who feel that it is actually a sin to take human blood in any form. This includes blood transfusions so I think that if the state is going to take the position that apparently it is going to be put on record as taking through this bill, there ought to be consideration and regard shown for the religious sensitivities of other people who are not on this floor. If there are going to be selective exclusions of coverage based on moral considerations, public money should not be spent for any coverage. Remember we are talking about public money and none of it should be spent in a way that would offend directly the religious convictions of people whose taxes help to create the pool of public money which is doing something that they have moral scruples against. So I am asking that you insert in the two places mentioned, after abortion or where the word abortion is used plus a section of statute mentioned, the words, "or blood transfusions". I think it would be consistent. I think it is considerate and it is appropriate, so if the bill goes, anybody who wants a blood transfusion can still get one but he or she would have to pay for it himself or herself or have individual coverage to take care of that particular situation.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, shall debate cease? Those in favor