

this concern." I think they had better have a sound foundation for doing that and, to date, the only reason that I have heard to opposition to the amendments to 257 is that the oil industry, the industry that depends on waste, the industry that depends on waste of energy, that profits from our lack of conservation, the oil industry doesn't like it. And I can understand why the oil industry doesn't like these amendments, because what it talks about is wise and prudent public policies, and these wise and prudent public policies might cut their excess profits. See, we have an industry that feeds on our lack of conservation, an industry that feeds on our irresponsibility, and if this Legislature goes along with that irresponsibility, ignores the conservative solution that Senator DeCamp is proposing simply to satisfy one industry, then I think that the voters are certainly correct in saying this Legislature does not step forward with positive achievements. We spend hours debating a lot of issues like license plates and it seems that a lot of Senators here do not want to spend even thirty minutes discussing the energy problem, and I think the reason they don't want to talk about it is they know that the oil industry is trying to exert its political muscle to stifle discussion so that we can't even address this question in a responsible manner. I think if you have objections to the amendments, I would like to hear the specific objections. I think we can talk about the merits. But I think it would be very poor form for this Legislature simply to go home and say, "Oh, gosh, we don't need to worry about the energy crisis. The oil industry told us not to worry."

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes first Senator Haberman and then Senator Remmers and then Senator Nichol and then Senator Kahle and then Senator Cullan. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, my, my, it was kind of refreshing to hear Senator DeCamp say something about Mr. Brown and the oil barons. He actually referred to the influence of some lobbyists and this is kind of refreshing because people have allude that Senator DeCamp is influenced by lobbyists but I didn't think that he would ever say anything like that. I rise to oppose this for several reasons. Number one, you all received, no, maybe you didn't, but the federal government is giving \$4,000 of tax relief for energy sources. They are giving forty percent of the first \$10,000 in the solar, wind and other equipment. The federal government are giving the taxpayer a big cut to use energy cutting devices. Now we want to take a particular industry, and I will be up front, this industry is heavy in my district, we want to jeopardize this industry. Nebraska has