Senator Schmit, there are no lights.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,
in order that this amendment, non-controversial and meritorious
as it may be doesn't come romping along next time when we
are on Friday afternoon and no one knows what is going on,
I would like to ask a question if I could please, if not
I could ask it on the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Who do you want to question?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Johnson, as I understand, does
this LB 346 provide for a court appointed attorney for
the parents under Subsection 5, and under no other pro-
vision or does it provide for an attorney under all of
those provisions?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Oh no, Subsection 5 requires the appoint-
ment of a lawyer for the parent. Requires it. The rest
of those subsections only allow it if the court thinks it
should be done.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I guess I am concerned about what is going
to occur here because I have a hunch that when we start
this court appointed attorneys for the child and the parents
both I think that we are opening a can of worms that is far
greater than what you have expected in the past because then
you have the tax payer paying both sides of the issue. The
thing can be dragged out for months and months and months.
Does that give you any concern, Senator Johnson?

SENATOR JOHNSON: It sure does Senator Schmit. That happens
to represent existing law however. What you are looking at
right now in the bill is existing law. There is a section
in this bill, I can't find quickly, which in my opinion in-
creases the amount of appointed counsel and I just decided
not to object to it, but it is there.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then I will ask the questions on the bill
when we get back to the bill, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, we are on the bill right
now.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then I would like to ask Senator Nichol
a question, please. Senator Nichol, I see the county judge
in Scottsbluff and I believe Sidney, those judges did not
support the bill. Have they come around now to supporting
the bill?