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the amendment as I did in the beginning, and we just adopted Senator DeCamp's amendment which I think is sufficient, and, therefore, will have to object to your amendment. I urge the amendment to be defeated.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, your light is still on. Do you want to talk on this?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this is an area I don't claim to be an expert in or anything else, so what I want to say is so to speak heresy after a fashion. I have been assured by some pretty bright attorneys in the back of the room, and, of course, we are talking about lobbyists representing a variety of professions that this amendment does more than possibly Senator Landis envisions it does. The press people are screaming that it destroys the shield laws, etcetera, etcetera. I am wondering...I am wondering if Senator Landis would want to take five or ten minutes, go to some other bill, and go at least talk to them so that we don't spend an hour here trying to each explain what we think this amendment does. I tried to make mine abundantly simple and I guess it was, and it was simple for a purpose so that you would all know that the clergy were exempted as everybody thought they had been for a couple thousand years, at least in the Catholic religion, and the lawyers maintained the thing they have had for years which is the attorney-client privilege. Now I find out the doctors are a little owly at me. I just learned this, because I have made them report adult abuse, and I guess my reason for that is very simple. I think they are in a position probably to know better than anybody else what is going on there, and their particular purpose is to protect that individual from physical harm and so on and so forth, so it seems to make sense to me, but I don't fully understand all the things Dave is doing and so I am wondering if you would think about maybe going back and talk to the half a dozen different people going in different directions back there that seem to think that the end of the world is coming if your amendment is adopted.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, I will be happy to pass over for five minutes.