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SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...can say what the duty of a person to that higher power would be other than that person. Religion is in essence the relationship between that person and his or her higher power. Where is the state going to intrude? If it intrudes on one it should intrude on all. If it exempts one it should exempt all depending on how things go on this particular measure. My view of what my duty as a legislator is may change when we come to those school bills and there is a man sitting in jail. I'm not doing what I would do out of sympathy for him. It would be on the broad base principle of how much the state should intrude on a person's conscience and what punishment ought to be imposed on that person for violating a requirement of the state in obedience to conscience but I think LB 335 under the circumstances ought to be indefinitely postponed.

SENATOR CLARK: Under the South balcony is Charles Marr from Scottsbluff, exdirector of the West Nebraska General Hospital, a guest of Senator William Nichol. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would move we call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. Chairman, I think Senator DeCamp spoke about three times on this and I would like to have another opportunity to speak.

SENATOR CLARK: I think he has spoken twice. Senator Haberman, go ahead.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I'd like to ask a question of Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, does the amendments on 335 jeopardize, influence or change the child abuse law?

SENATOR DeCAMP: It changes the child abuse law to this degree.

SENATOR HABERMAN: It takes out the...

SENATOR DeCAMP: It says, "clergy with the privileged communication only are exempt,"...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Can it....?

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...and it...well you asked me and I'm