

to come in and tell us what they learned in the confessional which they aren't going to do. So, I say under those conditions, you might as well kill the bill. What little you could have accomplished you chose to take out, getting some information from physicians. Those things which you can't accomplish you are determined to do. Now as I say, I don't care whether the bill is killed or not but I guarantee you, I can ask for an opinion and without even looking I know it is going to say those two areas are unconstitutional.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I spoke a few minutes earlier in connection with Senator Landis' amendment and I indicated what a confused situation we are all dealing with. I think Senator DeCamp turns out to be basically correct on this piece of legislation, that because we have opened Pandora's box as to who is to report and who is not to report, we have interjected into what should be a relatively straightforward matter, a tremendous amount of confusion and controversy. I think it is totally wrong for this body to pass an adult reporting bill which exempts medical practitioners from coming forward with any reports whatsoever. If medical practitioners are not to come forward with reports, then how is information about which adult is abused and which adult is not abused to ever be developed? And actually the same may very well be true with lawyer reporting. I mean from time to time lawyers do come in contact with situations involving some type of adult abuse or some type of handicapped child, I'm sorry, handicapped adult abuse and if we exempt attorneys from the requirements then we are also missing the boat in that area. It seems to me that in light of the confusion that reigns on this measure, the indefinite postponement would be in order. If I felt that there was the will in the body to put physicians back in the measure to make certain that they were not exempted out, it would be a different story but every time we attempt to deal with one exemption and one nonexemption we end up more and more confused. So it strikes me that the time genuinely has come for us to ring down the curtain on this measure and to try it again in a different form in a different year and a different day.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. I opposed the Landis amendment. I think it was very unfortunate that it was adopted. And the current law in the State of Nebraska is, as I understand it, that physicians must report child abuse and I think that is the way it should be if we are going to have a reporting law for adults as well. If