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SENATOR JOHNSON: That is correct, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So it comes down to which is more important, the protection of children, or the alleged regulation of a private enterprise or a private business.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I think that is correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Are there any other businesses that we have regulations on?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Do you think in any way, Senator Johnson, that this is important as the regulations we have on bars and what time they have to close?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Who are we protecting when we say a bar has to close in Nebraska by 1:00 a.m.?

SENATOR JOHNSON: We are supposedly protecting the public at large.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Who are we protecting with the Real Estate Commission, with the laws they have?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Supposedly the public at large.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Don't you think if we are going to regulate private enterprise that way there ought to be a bill introduced next year by the people that are against regulation in business to number one, let's do away with the Liquor Commission.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Let's do away with the Real Estate Commission?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Let's do away with the Department of Insurance. Those are all regulatory agencies and they deal with business. They don't deal with children. Would you agree with me that next year somebody ought to introduce a bill on behalf of those people that are against regulation of business?

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Higgins.

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