

will help in a, if only a small way, but I think it will be very helpful in fact with regard to the problem as we face it down there. So I would urge the body's support for LB 116.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill. (Chambers' amendment appears on page 591 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, a copy of this amendment is on your desk and I hope you will look at it and I hope you will listen to the discussion because the issue of prostitution I think is not only one that is serious in and of itself, but it kind of gives an insight into the attitude of this society toward women and people who are less fortunate or could be considered on the lower rungs of the ladder. What my amendment would do, if you're interested, you can turn to page 2 of the bill and you will find these words that I would add on line 8 after the word prostitution. This is what I would propose as an amendment. No person who engages in an act of prostitution or who solicits such an act shall be competent to testify in any proceedings against any person with whom he or she commits such act or from whom he or she solicits such act. Prostitution is not a one-person offense. It requires two. Whenever the issue is brought up it focuses on the female. When you see movies sometimes and depictions of prostitution they will have attractive women living in palatial quarters, they may have social secretaries of their own, they cater to the highest people in government, business and what not. The reality for most of these women who happen to get involved in this is entirely different. Many of them are uneducated. Some of them have mental problems. They have been abused at home, have no place to stay, no one to whom to turn and they are often lured and enticed into this activity by people who pretend to be sympathetic and friendly. Anybody who has been abused and rejected will hunger for some kind of compassion, acceptance or consideration that will indicate they have value as a person. These people who prey on these types of women, and some young boys now are drawn into this kind of activity too because of peculiar tastes of grown males, but nevertheless, they get caught in a net from which they cannot