

escape. And this problem is approached as so many others are when it becomes inconvenient with punishment, punishment, punishment. Despite the fact that the police division in Omaha and the county sheriff's department have indicated that when the races come to town, the horse races, prostitutes follow those horses here. They don't say do something about the horse racing or consider the source, but those who are the fallout of these types of things should be punished very severely. What my amendment would do, if you insist on passing this bill, is to create a set of circumstances where a man who is picked up by not allowed to gain immunity or be free from prosecution by testifying against the woman. Neither party to the act can testify against the other and I think this is the way it ought to be, and I'll tell you what I couldn't help thinking about when I read this bill. There was story about Jesus, there are many stories about him, but the one that sticks in my mind all the time is when these self-righteous men dragged this woman to Jesus and said, she was caught in the act of adultery, in the very act, we caught her. And Jesus didn't say anything, he stooped down and wrote on the ground, and you know what I think he wrote? Where is the man? And when he stood up all these people started...I'm shortening the story and simplifying it, they all started disappearing. So maybe it shouldn't have been where is the man, but where are the men or are these the men or is any among these thine accusers, the man with whom she was taken. They all disappeared. So he said, where is your accuser? And she looked around, saw her former clients and associates gone. She said, well, Lord, I have none. He said, then I don't accuse you either and go and don't do this anymore. And I don't know whether that meant don't engage in the act, be more careful about whom you deal with or be more discreet about where it occurs. But the fact is, that those who brought this woman to him so that she could be stoned, based on what the law said, certainly were not interested in any considerations of morality. They were trying to trick him, that's what the moral of that story is but some of us see additional insights that can be gained from these types of narratives. I think prostitution is one of the worst things that can happen to a woman, but I think the woman is a victim. This society knows that the woman is the victim and it is why, when the term is mentioned, people always conjure up the picture of a woman. This amendment is reasonable. I think the bill is unreasonable, I think it is unfair and it does not get at the problem at all. So before I try to do anything with the bill itself in terms of trying to defeat it altogether, I am asking that you adopt this amendment.