

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mmm, I don't believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to put on my light because I'm going to run out of time. Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Members of the Legislature, I'm in no way critical of Senator Lindsay for bringing this bill because the City of Omaha asked for it. I'm concerned about the kind of laws that we pass. If the crucial issues of what a police officer in Omaha is trained to do while running what is called the sting operation, if that is of no concern to the Legislature I think we are derelict in our duty. If, on the other hand, a police officer is trained to engage in the act of prostitution or to solicit it, then that is entrapment on its face. Now if a woman is standing on the street corner and somebody approaches her, if the mere approach by somebody because she is standing there constitutes solicitation, then any woman that a man finds attractive who he approaches could be accused, the woman could, of soliciting prostitution because she shouldn't look so attractive, she shouldn't be standing in one place long enough for a man to approach her. So there is more involved in soliciting than a woman simply being there and, by the way, my amendment is gender-neutral too because it says he or she. The point that I'm getting to is this, Omaha is asking the Legislature to come down with a sledge hammer on this matter. They are not concerned about education. They are not concerned about rehabilitating these women. They are not concerned about giving them training or encouragement to do something with their life or counseling or making opportunities available. They say a \$100 fine is not enough to hurt them, so increase the fine and put them in jail and when they come out, if they were ignorant when they went in, they are ignorant still. They've just been a jailbird now and if they didn't have a \$100 to pay before, then let them serve out the sentence and when they come out they are that much poorer and this society has met the problem. We sweep these serious problems under the rug by throwing the people who are victims in jail and locking them up and saying we've done the job, we've raised the level of morality in the society. You don't see any sting operations that go into these west Omaha homes and to these hotels and motels and that run down some of these so-called escort services, do you? And when Larry King, somebody we're talking about in connection with Franklin would hire some of these public relations firms that they cause that provide lists of people, what do you think those lists are for?