

February 3, 1989

LB 116

LR 23

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken.) 12 ayes, 26 nays,
Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 23. The call is raised. We're back to advancing the bill. Senator Chambers, did you wish to speak, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in the interest of trying not to engage in futile acts, I'm not going to offer a kill motion as I had indicated. I will simply say that I hope the bill does not advance. Carrying through the thread that I had started by making references to the New Testament, the 12 people who voted aye, I would dub "the twelve". (laughter) What are you booing for? The twelve what? As a person thinketh in his heart, or her heart, so is he, so is she. All I said was the twelve, right? Thank you, Senator Landis. Members of the Legislature, I hope you won't advance this bill. The problem that it seeks to address is not going to be addressed by this bill. It will be a statement of some kind. There is no getting around that. It will be interpreted as the Legislature really being concerned about prostitution and really doing something about it. But the fact of the matter is that if Omaha had not enacted an ordinance, then this bill would not even be before us. Omaha is legislating for the state by trying to get the state law to comport with their ordinance and the Legislature probably will agree to do it because that is the way the Legislature operates. There might be an occasion when I will attempt to do the same thing, so the approach that Senator Lindsay is taking is not what I'm taking issue with and I want that crystal clear because my comments have been very forthright. I want it understood that I'm addressing the issue and I think that this bill is not going to achieve any of the things that are being asked for here. I would like to ask...I'd like to ask Senator Lindsay a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lindsay, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lindsay, is it anticipated that if this law would take effect that it would be different than the ordinance that Omaha has on its books?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Will it be different, you mean in terms of penalties or...?