

February 13, 1989      LB 37A, 116, 165, 298, 458

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 458 as amended be advanced to E & R Final.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB 116.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some items into the record.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an explanation of vote offered by Senator Abboud. A new A bill, LB 37A by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read for the first time by title. See page 720 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have a motion from Senator Hannibal to reconsider the Final Reading vote on LB 165. That will be laid over.

I have amendments to be printed to LB 298 by Senator Barrett. (See pages 721-22 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Now back to LB 116, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, on LB 116, the first item, I have no E & R. I do have an amendment pending, though, by Senator Chambers, Mr. President. Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is the bill which is increasing the penalty on prostitution to try to bring state law into compliance with Omaha's ordinance. I am offering an amendment that would prevent any person who is a party to the act of prostitution or the solicitation of prostitution from testifying against the other party. This is a crime which can only exist if two people are involved. Society, as I pointed out on General File, has decided to place the onus on the female member or participant. In Omaha, there is a problem with male prostitutes, homosexual, and probably some heterosexual, but that is not the problem that the businessmen ever discuss or express any concern about. So even when it comes to one who is engaging in prostitution selling his body or her body, the one who does the selling that is to be condemned and placed under this heavy punishment is the