that or not. Maybe I should wait until the bill, Mr. President,
because I do want to speak on the bill instead of this
amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Lindsay, please, followed by
Senator Abboud.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Chambers in his argument stated that
it appears that the prostitutes do follow the race tracks and I
am suggesting that maybe we ought to think about selling the
race track up in Omaha as a...let me respond to some of Senator
Chambers' arguments.   First of all, and I apologize, I didn't
hear the answer to the last question and I am not clear on
exactly what the amendment is. Would Senator Chambers respond
to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator, is this the amendment that is on
page 673 of the Journal that refers to competency to testify?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Okay, thank you.   I think, first, the
amendment that is suggested is not going to cure those problems
that Senator Chambers points out. All this amendment will do is
eliminate the sting operations which is the only real method of
enforcing   the   prostitution   ordinance   right   now   or
the prostitution as it would exist. It does nothing more
than that. Some of the problems that Senator Chambers points
out with regards to the disparate treatment of male versus
female I don't think exist in more recent times, I guess,
primarily because at least in Omaha one of the ways they have
found to deter prostitution is to cut down on the number of
customers.   In 1988, there were 233 arrests in Omaha for
soliciting prostitution. There were 334 male arrests.   There
were about half again as many male as female arrests. This is
not a bill that drives only at the female, at the prostitute, it
drives at both.   This, and as a matter of fact, as being
enforced in Omaha right now, the ordinance, it is resulting in
more male arrests than it is resulting in female arrests.   This
is   not intended as a bill to be some...act in someway
discriminatory towards women. It is just not the intent or the