

SENATOR LINDSAY: You lost me there on your question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. Members of the Legislature, I'm trying to use different approaches to show that this is not a well thought out approach, that it's being done in response to some people who were very upset. But remember this, even if you pass the law there is no minimum, there is no mandated jail sentence. So they can let the men go without violating this law, as they do now.

PRESIDENT: Time. Time. Thank you. Senator Abboud is next, but may I introduce some guests of Senator Kristensen under the north balcony. We have Doug Holtmeier and his daughter, Liza Holtmeier, of Kearney. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Liza, did I pronounce your name right? Liza, Liza. Okay, excuse me. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I must say that I've enjoyed the discussion over prostitution here today. It was enlightening, Senator Chambers' analysis of sex and how it's different in society when it's sold. I still will be supporting LB 116 from the perspective that the City of Omaha requested the bill because of the constitutional problems which will occur as a result of the Supreme Court striking down the ordinance because of its higher penalty. I do think, though, that what Senator Chambers has hit upon is probably a more enlightened approach in dealing with prostitution in the respect that society is not saying let's put these women in jail as a result of their actions, or men in jail as a result of their actions, but trying to deal with the root of the problem that would drive an individual to sell their body in order to raise money, for whatever reason. And I...that is the reason that I'm supporting it from the approach that I think that the only way you're going to get these individuals to come to grips with their problem is to have them go into some sort of treatment program, or some sort of therapy. I don't know whether it makes...or how much of an impact it has on an individual when they are selling themselves and then as a result they are forced to go into jail for a six month sentence or a three month sentence, whether that individual would be stopped from...once they leave the jail or the State Penitentiary, stop them from going back and continuing to practice this sort of occupation. I think the only way you're really going to deal with the problem is through treatment and therapy. The reason I'm supporting the bill is