

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment fails. I will raise the call.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend his amendment. (See FA146 on page 1620 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, what this amendment will do is strike the word "ninety" and insert the word "thirty." This is an important issue. Senator Matzke earlier was stung by some of the words that I used and felt that my debate is inappropriate for a legislative assembly. Sometimes people have thin skins and they come here from other places, like courtrooms, where everybody pretends to have a certain attitude toward everybody else. And Senator Matzke's words remind me of the situation confronting Abraham Lincoln. He had a Secretary of War named Simon Cameron (phonetic), and people had accused Simon Cameron of cutting deals that were considered dishonest, and it put money in Simon Cameron's pocket and into the pockets of his friends. So at a press gathering, or there was some press people present at a gathering and they asked Abraham Lincoln about Simon Cameron. They said, Mr. Lincoln, people say that Simon Cameron is a thief. Now do you think Simon Cameron is a thief? Abraham Lincoln said, well, I don't think he'd steal a red-hot stove. So Simon Cameron found out that Lincoln said this and he was very offended. So he confronted Lincoln in front of a group of people. He said, Mr. Lincoln, you were asked do you believe me to be an honest man, and you made the remark that I would not steal a red-hot stove, and I resent that. Lincoln said, very well, Mr. Cameron, I take it back. And Cameron, like some of my colleagues, was then satisfied and said, thank you, Mr. Lincoln. Members of the Legislature there are issues that touch some of us very deeply, and we deal in a very forthright way with those issues, and for Senator Matzke and everybody else on this floor, I intend to continue doing exactly as I do, but I have yet, pardon me, Senator Hall, I have yet to call one of my colleagues a horse's ass. I have yet, other than by quotation, to use the words damn and hell. My colleagues do it all the time. You all talk like that, not just here, and you say worse things out of here, so don't play like this is the first time you've heard certain words because you know you have. And some of the nonsense that you all are speaking here about somebody knowing for nine months, for example, that he is the father of this child, you wouldn't say that in intelligent company. You'd only say it on