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SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Mahoney voting no on the original motion.

CLERK: Senator Mahoney voting no. Senator Fitzgerald voting no on the original motion.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The House is still under Call. Will you please remain in your seats. Senator Lewis. Motion to raise the Call. All in favor say aye, opposed nay. Call is raised. Indicate the vote will you, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 12 nays on the original motion to reconsider.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Motion is lost. At this time I'd like to announce 43 people from Platte, Colfax, Butler and Folk counties and the Extension Board of Directors are in the South balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized. They're from Senator Dworak's and, one other Senator here, ... Senator Schmit's district.

We'll go to General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill is 413 and it has some amendments offered by Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp has not come in yet.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Shall we pass that over.

CLERK: The next one, Mr. President, 431. It has an amendment offered by Senator Burrows. (Read amendment found on page 367 of Journal).

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. This was, I feel, a mistake in the old language of the bill before the Chambers bill came forward. The attempt of the bill is to stop pawnbrokers, basically, that have been acting as fences of local goods. It makes a quite detailed accounting provided. I think if we put this amendment in it may save the Legislature a lot of embarrassment later with a law that would be riding too high.

I've talked to Senator Chambers. I rather hate to see it come up without him being present, but I've talked with him. He does not object to striking the "junk dealers".

If you look at the details we're providing in this bill to carry pawnbrokers records of every purchase they buy and then you would apply this back to the old language of 'junk dealers, which have not been a problem of receiving stolen goods and selling them. There are probably several hundred junk dealers across the state that, if some sheriff wanted to observe that law and prosecute them, could run them right out of business. It's ... I think it's just an error, as we're looking at the old law where they would be highly regimented in their record keeping, because I've heard of no problems. Senator Chambers has no problem with striking the junk dealers out.