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PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I support what Senator Nichol has just said on the floor and Senator George. As I look through the bill, and I voted consistently against this in Committee, basically because we've got eighty-four pages which changes his to theirs, and his and hers, fire fighter from fireman, and from policeman to police officer, and I don't want to pin down Senator Marsh for what she'll do next year, but I would hope that Senator Marsh would not come in next year with a bill to change Senator Rex Haberman's name to Haberperson. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I'd like to rise in support of Senator Marsh's amendment, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. When the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Act was first drafted it followed the language of the Federal Equal Opportunity Act word for word. Now the central problem has been created by the fact that the federal courts have gone off in one direction interpreting this language, and the state courts have gone off in another direction. Now I think for sake of uniformity, so that our law will be applied the same way the federal law is, and for the sake of plugging up which is a rather serious loophole I think in the current application of the law, why we really do need to make this change. I think it's important and it's going to mean that we're going to have more effective enforcement of our equal opportunity provisions here in Nebraska, and I urge you to support Senator Marsh's amendment.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Well I certainly support your Judiciary Committee on this. I think they have probably looked at it about as well as anyone else. I would hate to put anything in law that...whether you're intentional or unintentional, if something is done and it's not intentional that certainly...I don't think you should convict anyone of that. I know a lot of people that are doing things all the time that are not law breakers, but certainly they're not doing it intentionally, and that they didn't know the law was the way it was, and I'll bet you after we get out of this session a lot of people are going to be breaking laws and didn't even know the law existed because of the new laws that are coming along. I'd certainly support your Judiciary on this and just leave it the way it is.