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SENATOR MOREHEAD: I guess that I would rise in support of Senator DeCamp's kill motion. There is a tendency, as you all know, you are all well aware of the fact that when you have a thirteen year old child they emulate a fifteen year old child, and when you have a fifteen year old child, they want to be nineteen, and they emulate the nineteen year old child, and everybody wants to hit this magical grown up age or do what the big kids do. And I can see a very definite trend that you would have established here. If Omaha is exempt, then Lincoln wants to be exempt. And if Lincoln is exempt, then Grand Island wants to be exempt. And my goodness gracious, if Grand Island is exempt and Lincoln is exempt, well, Beatrice who is not very far away, surely they want to be exempt because after all that is what Kearney and Grand Island and Lincoln are doing. Some way or another this says to the smaller areas that, gee, if you people can do it, then we ought to be able to do it too because that says something about we have arrived. Well, I think that having arrived is just exactly the same thing that we say to our young people day in and day out, you don't have to do it just because the other kids do it, but nevertheless this is the goal, this is the standard that is out there. So if we make one more exemption, we can see this domino effect taking place. We can see the emulation taking place and it is one more loophole in the door. So I suggest to you that we do support Senator DeCamp's kill motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, did you wish to speak to the kill motion?

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Rather than asking questions individually, perhaps those of you who regard yourself as defenders of the public's right to know would just in your seat perhaps answer a couple of questions. Number one, those of you who have been contacted by Lancaster County residents demanding to keep the publication of proceedings and claims and oppose the bill might raise your hand. That is what I thought. Those of you who had any constituents other than editors or newspaper related constituents call you and say that LB 63 is a plot on their right to know and is a bad piece of legislation, I would

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