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state registry which was the correction.

SENATOR NORE: Now, what if the parent and the child are not getting along, could the child...he doesn't believe in any discipline at all and the parent tries to discipline him, could he report the parent?

SENATOR MARSH: He probably won't do this if he is two years old.

SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? The question is shall this bill be raised from the Committee. The Committee, as I understand it, Senator Marsh, indefinitely postponed the bill. Now, this requires 25 votes. All those in favor of raising the bill from the Committee vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The clerk will record. Senator Savage voting aye.

CLERK: 31 ayes, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The bill is raised from Committee and placed on General File. At this time, in the north balcony I would like to recognize the presence of nine students from Kearney State College. We are delighted to have you here and hope that you are getting something out of the debate. Anything further on the clerk's desk?

CLERK: Nothing, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: We will now proceed to Select File.

CLERK: There is none.

SPEAKER: There is no Select File? Are there any further motions? I believe Senator DeCamp has a motion. Senator Luedtke, would you come up here to the chair, please?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Is there a motion on the desk? All right. I guess there is a motion on the desk. Do you want to read the motion, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Motion read.

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this regards the Equal Rights Amendment. I've been in the middle on this thing from the very beginning and the reason is many, many people in my district which is in northeast Nebraska, ranch country, are very, very strongly opposed to Nebraska's original adoption of Equal Rights Amendment. As one of the original three sponsors of the bill and one of those who has contended that the Equal Rights Amendment should be adopted, I have had to put my personal beliefs and balance them against the interest of my district and the feelings of a large number of people there. My contention has been that the Equal Rights Amendment should be adopted, but that it should be adopted with a full understanding by all members of this Legislature as to what it consists of and as to what its affects are. Now if you will recall last year when Equal Rights Amendment was adopted, if you will check the record, you will see that not one single word of debate as to what this amendment consisted of or what its affects were was ever given on this floor. The entire issue of Equal Rights Amendment last year was the issue of whether we would be number one to adopt it, and somehow in this euphoria and this rush to be number one in everything, we lost sight of what Equal Rights was all about or what the amendment did and we hastily adopted it without a full understanding of what it is. I believe that once a full debate is given to the amendment on this floor the Equal Rights Amendment will withstand any tests and opposition given to it and that it can live through any attack put