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over Senator Cavanaugh actually that, this would be a sham. This would be--you might as well not even have any enforcement of game laws if you'd go to this type of a verdict.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, do you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes, Mr. President, I would. The reason for my amendment was in order to illicit exactly the same type of commentary that I did, that to enact this amendment would result in a sham, would result in a fact of kissing the offender as Senator Syas stated and would result in the encouragement of these practices which we all consider reprehensible as Senator Carstens stated. I think that would be the affect of my amendment. But yesterday there were some amendments offered to a bill to strike the penalty clauses for those persons who discriminate in unemployment or in offering employment and of course no one yesterday spoke to the affect, at least not the same people who spoke today, that the results of that would be a sham and a kiss to the discriminating employer or encourage those type of practices and it's interesting to see how opinions change with the issue and that's why I offered the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Question is, shall the amendment be adopted? All those in favor say aye, those opposed say no. I believe the amendment has lost. Back to Senator Syas and his original bill then. Excuse me, Senator Duis did want to be heard on the original bill, LB 331, Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, I think probably in all the levity that goes on here I want to bring up something serious too. I wonder, Senator Syas, if I might ask you what we're going to do and I know you don't come from a rural area, you come from Omaha and you come on out in our environment and you shoot around with your gun and I don't know what you do with your empty shells but I hope you pick them all up. So what these youngsters that go out and catch a turtle and they put it in their aquarium? Or what about the youngster that catches the salamander? This is something that's sort of a way of life with some of our youngsters. Now are they subject to this \$10 fine and this 6 months for merely getting a turtle?

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR DUIS: I read this thing probably different than you do. I'm pretty serious about this because we can have a lot of youngsters who play in the country who don't have fire hydrants to play with and stuff that, we do have turtles and we do have salamanders and we have mussels and these youngsters do have a great time with them. I've seen aquarium after aquarium with turtles in them and salamanders and such as that. Just what are you doing for them?

SENATOR SYAS: As I understand the bill, when you're 16, when you're under 16 you can do what you, you don't have to have any license.

SENATOR DUIS: I didn't know that that gave you a right under 16 to go out and shoot pheasants.

SENATOR SYAS: Certainly it does.

SENATOR DUIS: Well now does this bill then give them the right to go out and turtles under 16?

SENATOR SYAS: Certainly.

SENATOR DUIS: Read that to me.