

already been done. So if we are going to pass the bill, then I think it is important and necessary that we adopt the Committee amendments rather than this particular amendment she is suggesting, and I would ask that we do look at the Committee amendments and compare them with this amendment she is proposing because it doesn't do...it isn't the compromise that was hoped to be achieved.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER: Yes, Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: To start with, I have never seen a copy of the Committee proposed amendments which I had asked for. Number two, we currently are able with an anonymous telephone call to at least report abuse, rape, stolen articles, etc. I think this body has no business telling what police may or may not investigate. I think this body has a perfect right to say what shall go into essential registry file and this is what my amendment is intended to do. This has, I believe, everyone's consent except Senator DeCamp's and I would move that my amendment be accepted and that we take a vote on it by machine, if necessary.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the Marsh amendment? Are you ready for the question? The clerk will read.

CLERK: Amendment read.

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I hate to get carries away on this point because I didn't even want to talk on it. Her amendment...first of all, the Committee amendments are right there in the book. Anybody can read them. That's the only copy I've got. Good God, you open your book and look at them, the same as everybody else. Second of all, anonymous phone calls are made. Yes, by God, they are made but not under the circumstances of this bill. This bill makes...

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp, will you please watch your language.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator...Senator Marsh said, anonymous phone calls can be made. That is true. Anybody can get up and make an anonymous phone call but that anonymous phone call that you or I might make from somewhere does not have the dignity of law with official investigations necessarily to follow, and official reports necessarily to follow. As I say, the way the bill is set up even with her amendment, reports necessarily have to follow and investigations have to automatically be made, just by virtue of an anonymous phone call made by anyone, so as a practical example. Some kid calls up or a neighbor that might be upset with somebody calls up the police and says, Mrs. Jones is mistreating her child. That's all that is required. Under the law, then, if we pass this, policemen or whoever have to come out. Start making investigations. Start filing reports. Now if it gets way down the line after they have made all their investigations, after they have filed all their official reports on this, at the very point then that they finally ultimately determine that it is a joke or something, only at that point does her amendment come into play. The Committee amendments made it so that anonymous phone calls can't start this whole official process and that's, I think, the big difference between the two and to suggest that this amendment does solve the problem or is a compromise, simply isn't correct, and it is a completely new step in Nebraska law. It's not like an anonymous phone call now where you would call in and say, well, there is a fight going on over at Jones Street. You could still do that, even under existing law, for child abuse cases, but