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PRESIDENT: Are there further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: I move the bill be advanced to E & R for Review. And Mr. Chairman I'd just like to say one word. Just one sentence I believe will do it, or one paragraph. What you have adopted here is a fraud. The people of the State of Nebraska will have no advantage from this bill. It's a farce. It's absolutely meaningless. It will add nothing to the present statute. And we're saying we are giving the public something, when we are not. And that's why I ask my name be withdrawn, and I will not support this bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I want to talk a little bit on the advancement of the bill. Can I?

PRESIDENT: Sure.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to tell you something that happened to the State of Nebraska that I figured was quite interesting. A person up in Omaha sent me about two years ago, a personal friend, some advertising in a grocery store of various things on sale. And in that he had like the grocery store said..3 pounds of this for some amount and a bottle of this for so many quarts for so much. And when he went down and bought the stuff and brought it home, and he showed me the labels, and he sent the labels. It wasn't three pounds or two pounds or whatever it is, in other words when he said it was 2 pounds it wasn't, and it wasn't 32 ounces, it was 28. All of that stuff, so I took it down to the so called enforcement agency of the State of Nebraska which was the Agriculture Department at that particular time on this type of items. Scales and measures I think they call it, something like that. And I was refused to get any action. And you know what they told me down in that department? We would have to have a man actually on the spot when somebody made this purchase to prove that the store wasn't telling the truth. I Said, why here's the add in the paper, it's misrepresented. Here's the brand. Here's the labels. No we can't do it that way, we have to see it purchased. Now this is ridiculous. What they were really telling me that they had no intention of enforcing the law. And that's exactly what they did. The law isn't enforced. And that will continue to go on, and I think it is a big gyp.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I have had many occasions over the years to get involved with people who had been defrauded one way or the other, or claimed they had been defrauded, and usually they had been defrauded on the sale of goods and involving these consumer protection, theres cases that would be covered under consumer protection laws. And I support some kind of protection of these people. I also recognize that among the buyers there are just as many crooks as among the sellers. And it