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CLERK: Voting aye 31, voting no 14, not voting 4.
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PRESIDENT: The bill is returned to Select File for specific amendment then. Speaker Proud what is your pleasure now regarding the specific amendment. We have 1028, we think that maybe we can avoid some confusion by going ahead and handling the amendments on these as they come back...

SPEAKER PROUD: Well, Mr. President, it's been fully debated. I move for the adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion now of the amendment. Senator Nore, did you want to be heard on the amendment.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, and fellow members. This is real good example of why we do not get any improvement in the inactment of Anti-Trust laws. It's pretty hard to beat a free lunch.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I think it deserves to be spoken on for just a little bit. I've no particular objection to Senator Proud's amendment. But I think as Senator Nore just pointed out. The reason we have problems in monopoly today is because of the

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power that businesses and industry can hold. And I've seen from this floor time after time and defended those industries. And by the same token I'm going to stand here today and tell you that we have evidence, and there is evidence a plenty, that monopoly does exist, and that Anti-Trust Laws need to be strengthened. Now it is either crawl under the rug, or hide behind the door, or do as you damn well please, but if you are going to do something here today that you can stand up for and be proud of you are going to stand up here and you are going to vote for this bill. And I hope we don't continually, and I'm beginning to get letters and a lot of them, in objection to this bill. They don't worry me a bit because it has been pointed out that there are plenty people that wants this kind of bill. The reason that we have this bill in the first place is because the consumers, the people in the state of Nebraska are being robbed, of hundreds of millions of dollars a day by the petroleum companies. And no one is doing a damn thing about it. The consumer is being robbed and so is the producer being robbed, and hundreds of millions of dollars by people who are engaged in food retailing. And I'll stand here and say that over again, if you need to have it repeated to you. And no one cares. And we have the opportunity and the responsibility. The responsibility to do