

what I'm talking about, the speaking order is now Senators Carpenter, Savage, Stahmer, Fellman, Snyder, Dickinson, Richendifer, Kelly and Luedtke. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'll be very brief, Mr. President. First let me say that I don't know of a senator who is anymore sound basically in judgment than Senator Fellman. And I can't realize how a senator from the Sand Hills wants to become involved so deeply that only prevails to Douglas County. I don't want to repeat what Senator Fellman said but what he said was true. The committee has great respect for his judgment. All those who came for and against the bill had the same respect and really, in the committee and those who testified, there's really no objection to the bill as it now is amended on this floor. So I would just say as an acceptance of a man who is basically sound and who wants to be fair, to defeat his bill now pertaining only to Douglas County would be a sham and against the better judgment of this Body.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. A few minutes ago Senator Syas requested to know whether Sheriff Janing was for or against this bill. I thought the best way to find out would be to call him which I did and I wasn't able to get through to him but I talked to his chief deputy, Joe Thornton, and he said that the sheriff was opposed to the bill. I'm not arguing the merits for or against the bill but I wanted to get an answer for Senator Syas.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the Body. I'd like to pass and be the last speaker before Senator Fellman closes.

PRESIDENT: Well, that's lovely if somebody doesn't make some other motion. Senator Snyder, I've got you down Senator, per your request.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I could appreciate Senator Fellman fighting for his bill but I'm going to fight against it just as hard. I just don't like the idea of the Legislature passing this type of legislation. I've seen no studies. I've seen no call for action up there. Now Senator Fellman mentioned that the county board is also the board of trustees for the Douglas County Hospital. They certainly are. I hve an Attorney General's opinion which shows that's illegal. It's been brought to that board's attention for at least four years. Their own county attorney told them this before and they defied that. Absolutely defied that. What is it with our County Board in Douglas County that thinks they are collectively god-sent where they can handle everything across the board? They hired a \$40,000 a year administrator of that hospital, certainly. This thing with the Board of Corrections, it may be a coming thing and I'm all for that. As it's done judiciously, as long as it's done with some study and some thorough thoughtfulness on the part of everyone involved. I simply cannot accept a bill in the Legislature that was unheard of to me at least and I think to the large majority of the public in the State of Nebraska.