

those amendments do not bind the Legislature unless they are voted on by twenty five members at least. No matter how many invitations or offerings are made to have meetings out of the public realm that come up with packages, deals, agreements or whatever you want to call it, I am not going to be bound by those things. I am not going to relinquish my right to discuss matters individually and properly on this floor by virtue of a refusal on my part to participate in secret closed, or whatever you want to call them, meetings. When they first put this idea together of having gatherings Senator DeCamp had a bill to put an additional or extend the amount of tax, extend the tax on Omaha citizens for an additional period of time and coincidentally the time for the meeting on this that they put together coincided with that hearing and I don't think anybody was surprised to learn that I was at that hearing on the tax matter rather than talking about this abortion issue. I am not bound by anything that other people agree to. The only ones bound are those who agree, but from the way things happen in the Legislature even those who agree to things are not bound because they change their mind. The issue is serious. Currently the law is a hodgepodge and I think we do need a record of legislative intent and understanding as to what is being done here. Coalitions by their very nature are fragile. A whisper or a breath of air can totally disrupt them. If a breath of fresh air, if exposure to the light of day, if discussion can destroy an agreed on package, the package did not have much merit in the first place. We want laws to pass because they have merit in and of themselves. We do not want them passed because certain people were able to herd individuals together and give them their marching orders. This is not demonstration of who has power in the Legislature or perhaps it is but it is not supposed to be that. If these propositions can stand then they will do so. There was a Chief Justice named Brandeis who indicated that a concept should be able to take its place in the marketplace of ideas and stand on its merits. There are a lot of concerns that I have about this bill and I am just going to give you one idea. In the definition of abortion and, Senator Marvel, I am not going to take long to give this example, if you will turn to the definition of abortion on page 2, starting in line 1, line 5, abortion shall mean an act with the intention, and this is leaving out a lot of words, of inducing an abortion, an act. Suppose a woman is pregnant and she runs around the block with the intent of inducing an abortion. That by definition here is an abortion. If she jumps off a table with the