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SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost and the amendment is not adopted. Senator Venditte, you have an amendment and, Senator Kelly has an amendment and that is all we have before the house. So once again, I would appreciate you sticking to the point and I know how important this is but you have had ample time to discuss. Senator Venditte, the floor is yours. Clerk, do you want to read the amendment first?

CLERK: Mr. President, the Venditte amendment reads as follows: To amend the Hoagland-DeCamp amendment, et cetera, found on page 639 of the Journal, by striking all the underscored language in lines 17 through 20, on page 2 of that particular amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, what are the pages now?

CLERK: The amendment, I believe he is amending is on page 638 and 639 of the Journal.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the reason I put this particular amendment in was for one very simple reason. It is superfluous language, highly unnecessary. With the amendment that was adopted relative to the privacy act yesterday that was adopted by the body, why is it necessary that this language duplicate what has already been said? I think it is unnecessary. This is most important and basically, what does it say? Well, what it says is that the physician, the name of the person, the number of abortions that are being performed in that abortion clinic or by that physician, whether he is from Anselmo, whether he is from Scottsbluff, whether he is from Grand Island, whether he is from Neligh, should not be given to the public. What makes the public different from you and me as state officials? Why are we depriving the public? In essence what we are doing is just simply striking that particular amendment that was adopted...I want the amendments and I don't have all of what I wanted in front of me so that I could explain it directly, Mr. President, but that is pretty much the gist of my amendment, to strike the Hoagland, DeCamp, Fowler, Landis amendment that was passed yesterday and I think that was found on page 639 if my memory serves me correctly.

SPEAKER MARVEL: 639, lines 17 through 20. Does that complete your discussion?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes, Mr. President.