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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I just got the amendments. Let me look at it for a second here because I want to ask Senator DeCamp a question. Senator DeCamp, I would like to ask you a question. You always like to talk about perspective time.

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, just this year I have used it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, who shepherded the present abortion law onto the books? Was that you?

SENATOR DeCAMP: For about seven years I have worked on the subject.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has most of that law been enjoined by U.S. District Judge Urbom?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well I think you know the answers to these questions as well as I do, so what are we trying to do?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has it been?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Portions of the law have, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator DeCamp, and that is what I was trying to tell the body yesterday. When substantial issues are raised, Senator DeCamp, knowing he can not deal with the issue will be evasive. The bill we are talking about relates to abortion. The abortion law which Senator DeCamp got you all to pass last time is what has been enjoined as basically unconstitutional. So now if he can beguile you and blind you by talking about a bill such as products liability which has not even been to the courts and say that it is constitutional because it hasn't been challenged and cause you to jump from that to what is being done here to say that he has never gotten you to do anything which is unconstitutional, then he is a good magician. Blackstone, Houdini and all of them can learn from Senator DeCamp but, Senator DeCamp, I have to take a little of your credit away. When I look at the ones you are beguiling I have to say it doesn't take too much on an issue like this to accomplish that end because most people are not following the issues involved in this type of legislation. Politics does make strange bedfellows. You see people who call themselves liberals scurrying with the ones who are called conservatives to put together a bill which the people on the outside called pro-choice do not want, which those called pro-life do not want, yet both sides which are scurrying helter skelter in the Legislature and applauding themselves and patting themselves on the back are claiming credit for