

that makes it fair for women. If you don't have the amendment, it is not fair to women in my opinion. That is the sum and substance of it and that is why we are having this amendment, but if you have this amendment I think it is as fair as anything you could have. This argument, this emotional argument has been a premiere example of the exultation of form over substance that I have ever heard. The form is this little thing we call joint tenancy with right of survivorship and that is what everybody clings to so that they can get away from the substance and the substance is that they don't want to pay a debt they said they would pay. Joint tenancy with right of survivorship, it passes to the spouse on death. By what common sense understanding does she own all that to the exclusion of the debts that were incurred to accumulate that, to the exclusions of the benefits they got from the money they borrowed to accumulate that? By what notion does she suddenly grab all that property? All we are asking is that one half of that property, the half that is his as an individual, be subject to the debt that he incurred. It is so simple.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the committee amendment to LB 306. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to adopt committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. There is another amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk. Read the amendment.

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator DeCamp has amendments, two sets. The first was printed on page 151 of the Journal but I understand he wants to withdraw those.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Those will be withdrawn, all right.

SENATOR DE CAMP: The second one is the identical thing except it coordinates with these committee amendments that have been adopted, simpler language. I will explain it if you like.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, after the heavy controversy on the other part of the bill I want you to know I think this is relatively uncontroversial.