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you had said perhaps my pitchfork is highly polished. So I wanted to correct you on that point. Now I wouldn't expect to change anybody's opinion on the floor by means of a tirade but facts ought to alter cases, and if what I have stated is not factual, somebody should stand on this floor and with the same emphasis that I employed in making my remarks, that person or those individuals should counter what I say so the record will show that I erred on the floor of this Legislature, that when future generations come along who may be interested in what we did on this floor and may not take the time to check the economic factors related to 1980 would know from the debate on the floor of this Legislature that I misrepresented a situation, that I falsely accused the Governor, that I falsely accused the members of the Legislature who voted against the proposition that was before us. But since nobody when given the opportunity to protest or demonstrate that I was wrong chose to do so and I openly hurled the challenge, it has to be concluded that what I said is correct. Now I am offering my amendment, but before I sit down and allow it to meet its fate, Senator Kahle made another interesting statement. I listen to Senator Kahle very well. He said this body is moral in general. Now when you add a qualifier that is what they call "damning with feint praise". So his comment reminded me, I don't know that I should say reminded me, but it caused me to jot some words down on a piece of paper which a minister had to give to his congregation. He knew he had a lot of devils and wrongdoers in it but since they were the source of his income he couldn't be too strong in condemning the things that they were doing, but because he was a preacher and he was also afraid of God, he had to strike a compromise and it came out something like this. Brothers and sisters, forsake sinful pleasure or you will be condemned in a measure. Yes, as it were, you must repent or you will be damned to some extent. The Legislature should take careful, should give careful consideration to what it is doing on this bill. Remember, you are not hurting business by doing this. You are not hurting the farm economy by doing it. You are placing an act which is politically acceptable. It is morally justifiable and I think it would be legislatively acceptable. Even the Governor would have to sit back and give the Legislature a bit of credit for facing an issue headon and doing the type of thing that the circumstances call for. My amendment, so that you will be aware of it, is to strike \$26 and insert \$34.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

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