

grown in the State of Nebraska. Now if you will look at all of the various provisions that are being repealed by 741, they all have the common denominator that they are obsolete and that they are no longer being used. My intent in introducing that bill, and I believe that the Judiciary Committee's intent in advancing the bill to the floor was to facilitate the repeal of obsolete statutes, to get them off of the books, to save printing costs so that the people of the State of Nebraska won't be following statutes or won't think that they have to conceivably follow statutes that are of utterly no use.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you wish to respond to the issue as far as the 741 is concerned in the original statement which talks about the act relating to obsolete statutes and so on. What in your opinion is the purpose of 741 in its original form?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I am also a member of the judiciary committee and the intent in advancing the bill and the understanding of the committee members was that bills or laws which are no longer practiced or used which are out of date would be covered by this bill and only those types of laws. There was discussion during the committee hearing relative to the question of whether any of these laws might apply somewhere in the state and we were given assurances that the introducer and his staff had reviewed all of these laws and could not find them being applied anywhere. But, I think that we were told if such knowledge came to his attention appropriate action would be taken. So the understanding that I had from the beginning which I think is clearly stated in the title of the bill, and the Nebraska Supreme Court has said on numerous occasions that the scope of a bill is determined by the title, the title is very clear, that those laws which have fallen into disuse are to be repealed and only such laws. That was my understanding and if I didn't directly answer, I'll submit myself to any other questions that you may have.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Chair will give its ruling and then either side can take whatever action you so desire. Senator Hoagland has indicated to me, as per the title of LB 741, that this is an act relating to obsolete statutes and then proceeds to list a number. The Chair rules that the amendment, I guess we call it the DeCamp-Labedz amendment is not germane based upon the meaning, as I interpret it from the introducer and from the discussion. Therefore the DeCamp-Labedz amendment is not germane. Now, I'm not going to argue the point. If you have a position that you wish to take, you may proceed. In other words if you want to overrule the Chair, fine. But the Chair has made the ruling and that is the way we proceed.