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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Ladies and gentlemen, the bill as drafted will put every bookkeeper in the State of Nebraska out of business. It was rather an innocuous amendment the CPAs say that it was their intent with this bill to designate that any office displaying the word "CPA" as its window advertisement, in fact, had to have a CPA in residence. The only thing is the chapter deals with both CPAs and bookkeepers so I am asking that this language be inserted so that we don't have to have a CPA in charge of every bookkeeper's office in the state. This will say that if the window says CPA then, indeed there must be a CPA...

SENATOR CLARK: (gavel) Could we have just a little more order on the floor, please, so we can hear Senator Murphy? Go ahead, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I don't know if I want to now. I think I will just let the CPAs put all the bookkeepers out of business. No, the adoption of the amendment will clarify what purportedly was the intent of the bill. If you say CPA you have to have a CPA in residence. If you leave the bill the way it is and advance it, every bookkeeper in the state will have to work for a CPA somewhere. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I support the amendments. They clarify it, correct the problem Murph had.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell, do you want to talk or...all right, turn your light off. Thank you. The question before the House is the adoption of the Murphy amendment. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? We are voting on the Murphy amendment. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Murphy's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion carried. The amendment is adopted. Do you have any further amendments?

CLERK: No, sir, I do not.