

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Von Minden amendment to LB 291. All those in favor of the adoption of those amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried, the amendments are adopted. Do you want to explain the bill now.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Yes. LB 291 it simply states that it prohibits the dangerous removal tabs on pop and beer cans. Two years ago in one of the western cities here in Nebraska, my wife and I were in the Holiday Inn, was in the dome and watched a girl get her foot cut bad on a tab in the swimming pool. I thought what a senseless injury to this young person. From that time on I started observing where tabs from beer cans and pop cans were being thrown. They throw them in swimming pools and naturally in the flower pots, the shrubbery in the Holidome, on streets, in parks and I even picked up one yesterday on the table over here. If you will note how sharp and curved it is. The hazard that we have to people is injury by some people throwing them in the cans, some people throw them where people can step on them and it is also a small litter bill. I have a bunch of facts and figures here but I don't really think that I will go through with them right now. Industry hasn't opposed this bill simply because they have the technology to easily change to safer forms of openers. There will be no impact to the state, very little impact to the consumers by lengthening this out another year. I would also like to mention one other thing. In travelling back and forth from my home in Allen, I noticed that people are starting to pick up the aluminum cans on the highways and the road sides. I think that it is only common sense to recycle the whole can instead of just 95% of it. So with that I urge the advancement of 291 as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I strongly support the bill. It is my understanding that the bill is not opposed by those people who are currently, would be in violation of it. I'll tell you a real quick little story one of the reasons I got interested in this. The little gal there, the blonde gal named Kelly Meyer has a little sister named Robin and Robin pulled the cap off the can like we all do and did the same thing I do, she dropped