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this. It is an illegal act and licenses can be revoked if it can be found that such acts are engaged in. I, at this time, would ask the body to support the committee amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, sir. I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question.

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Johnson, how long would you revoke a realtor or a real estate agent's license because of these things?

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON: Well, Senator Higgins, you almost have to reacquaint me with the real estate act. At this time there are twenty-eight reasons why a real estate license could be revoked. It is my understanding, and I am just adding a twenty-nine, it is my understanding that the revocation or suspension will go on for such period of time as the Real Estate Commission believes is warranted given the circumstances of the particular act that is engaged in, and that is existing law. My law didn't change that in the least. When they find this particular violation, then the revocation will go on for whatever period of time the Real Estate Commission thinks is appropriate.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I just wanted to point out to you and the rest of the body that I know of one real estate agent in Omaha who has had his license revoked or suspended probably three, four, five times, many times for cheating people, out-and-out cheating them, and so I am just wondering if your bill is really going to cure your problem because revocation of a license for thirty days doesn't do that much, you know. I am not against your bill. I am just saying maybe you ought to put something in there about how long, and if it is a first, second or third offense. Thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, was your motion to...

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON: Adopt the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: ...adopt the committee amendments? Okay, that is the issue before the House. Is there any further discussion? All those in favor then of Senator Johnson's motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

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