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PRESIDENT: The motion fails and the bill remains on General File. Now we will return to LB 89, and the call of the house is raised. Do you have any things for the record at this time, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir, I do not.

PRESIDENT: We will return to LB 89 on General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 89 was offered by Senators Marsh and Lundy. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 10 of this year, referred to Judiciary for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Judiciary Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland, please, for the committee amendments.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, LB 89 was introduced by Senator Marsh and Senator Lundy dealing with the crime of incest in the State of Nebraska. Let me just explain briefly what the bill does so you can understand the amendments recommended by the committee. The first thing the bill does is to expand the definition of incest to include nonblood related stepchildren. Currently under Nebraska law, a nonblood related stepchild is not within the definition of incest should be he sexually assaulted. The second thing it does is it slightly increases the definition of incest by substituting the word "penetration" for the word "intercourse". That word as found in Section 28-318 has a broader definition than simply intercourse. The third thing it does is it establishes as the offense of incest sexual contact beyond intercourse to include sexual contact and it does that by breaking incest down into Class I incest and Class II incest. And incest including intercourse as has normally been known becomes Class I incest and the penalty is increased from a Class III to a Class II misdemeanor. The new kind of incest involving sexual contact is defined in the bill as incest in the 2nd degree and under the bill it carries a Class III felony penalty which is the current penalty for incest of the level of intercourse. The fourth thing the bill does is it abolishes the so-called corroboration requirement for a conviction of incest in the State of Nebraska. Proponents of the bill at