

CLERK: 12 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. We are back on the bill. Another amendment. All right.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Vickers. Senator, the one I have in front of me is the one that, on page 34, line 14, it strikes that section. Okay.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Tom Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, if you will open your green copy of LB 593, look at the back two pages, page 34, Section 14, and read that language and read it with a straight face, you are going to do better than I could do. Section 14 says we are creating this mechanism. We are going to call it whatever it is that it is called, but we're not going to tell anybody about it. We are a little gun shy after the NDIGC. So we are going to make sure that they can't publish, disseminate, circulate or place before the public, or cause directly to be made, published, disseminated, circulated or placed before the public in any newspaper, magazine or other publication, and all this wonderful language. Talk about being...talking out of both sides of our mouth. I suppose I hadn't ought to even mention this out loud here because the cameras are on us and there are press folks here, so please don't talk about it because we can't talk about this. We can't tell people what we are doing. I think the whole concept is ridiculous. If we really are ashamed of what we are doing and we are ashamed of calling it Nebraska something or other, and we don't want it publicized, we don't want it talked about, then we ought not to do it. But I sense we are going to do it, so my amendment simply says we are going to strike Section 14. It simply says that, you know, if we are going to do this thing, we are not going to hide the fact of what we're doing from the folks. We're not going to say that we're not going to notify them, we're not going to put it in the paper, we're not going to do anything. As I read that section, I think what we are saying is that we recognize there has been some problems in the past with people relying on something they thought was there, when, in fact, it wasn't. They thought it was the State of Nebraska when, in fact, it wasn't, and that we ought not to have had those