

fine not less than \$100 or more than \$300, and then a third offense within two years, fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$500. So a \$500 fine would not be levied unless it is a third offense and then it could be up to \$500. And so at this time I would just have to oppose the Beutler amendment to Senator Lundy and the rest of our amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I would like to introduce some guests of mine under the south balcony, please. We have from Scottsbluff, Lela Schildt and Al Schildt, Marilyn Schultz and Ralph Kennedy. Would you please rise and be welcomed by the Legislature. I would appreciate it if you would tell these fine folks from my area what a great job I am doing here or something like that. Senator Chris Beutler, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I don't wish to get the debate off on small topics because I can see it's going to be a long debate altogether. I think that I made have the point that I wanted to make about infractions, generally, and I'll withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: So ordered. Now, Mr. Clerk, we are back to what? We are back to the Lundy amendment I understand. Now I still have lights on. Senator Vickers, did you wish to speak to the Lundy amendment? Thank you.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I've not spoken on this bill, but if you read the bill I think it will become evident to you that we are talking about special legislation, special legislation for a special purpose. Now I'm a great browser. I love books. But I'll tell you, I don't browse nearly as much in a library as I do in a book store because it seems that normally when I'm able to get into town and get around places where there are books, my wife likes to go to a mall or something and do some shopping. Normally there is a book store there. That is where I wind up browsing. Now right now if I walk out of a book store with a book concealed, or if I go into the book store and deface the book, tear out the pages, or whatever, I could be found guilty under theft, I can be found guilty under the criminal prosecution, depending on the value of the book. Now what the introducers of this bill are doing are saying now that we are going to lower the penalties if I go into a library and do those very same things. We're going to lower the penalties to just an infraction if I walk