

is wrong. It is already wrong to steal a book from a library. It is already wrong to deface books in a library. It is already in the statutes that you cannot do those kinds of things whether it is in a library, whether it is in a book store or wherever it is at. But we were attempting with 288 to say it all over again only in a different fashion. The proponents of the bill amended it, if you recall, to say that, no, it is only an infraction to steal or deface a book from a library, which meant, if you remember, that it was even less of a penalty for a library than it would be for a book store. This was a bad bill when it was introduced. It was a bad bill when it came out of committee. It was a bad bill when this Legislature finally realized what it was doing and killed the bill. And to revive it, is to still try to revive a bad bill. I would hope that this body would not be quite that gullible simply because the poor librarians don't want to enforce the laws that are already there. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp is next, but let me introduce, please, a guest of Senator Lundy, some guests of Senator Lundy, Jan Janda and 5 students from Kearney College at...Kearney State College at Kearney. They are under the south balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, just real quickly. Maybe if the bill were sitting here and they talked about taking it up in January, maybe that would give the impetus to the librarians to get organized and force maybe one or two county attorneys in key locations to follow existing laws and to enforce them and that might solve the problem itself. So to the degree that the bill sitting here might give that impetus to them, I guess maybe it would accomplish something. So for that reason, I guess I will vote to support it. But as I say, I think the bill probably itself has a lot of problems. However, I think it could be used to encourage the librarians to file a couple writs of mandamus against some county attorneys and force the county attorneys to enforce existing laws and make an example of a couple people in a couple counties and I think that will solve most of the problem. And with that said, I will sit down.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, then Senator Beutler.

SENATOR LUNDY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I think that