

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...sometimes revealing that source. If they're a "Maffiosa" type criminal, that source could be dead within 24 hours. In the civil cases in which the person claiming the privilege is a plaintiff, I suppose you're talking there about libel and slander. I'll tell you what. I would support bringing this back, but I would want to hear more debate before I would tell you that I would support the bill as it stands. Thank you. Unless I hear other debate on it that changes my mind. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland, do you wish to make your statement?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me only state briefly, Mr. President, that Senator DeCamp has printed in the Journal on page 1547 and 1548 an amendment that would take all the language out of the bill and then start the bill out with the phrase, "Except according to the provisions of the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, no person..." and then it would go on with a provision of the existing shield law. Now I think that that makes the point that I was trying to make earlier more explicitly than anything else. For the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution to apply to a statute in Nebraska or the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or any other provision of the United States or State Constitution to apply, it is not necessary to say that. I mean, Senator DeCamp may stand up on closing and say, look, I'm going to take all this other language out and I'm going to adopt this amendment and I'm asking you to bring the bill out so I can do that just to make it absolutely clear that the Sixth Amendment applies. Well, it is already absolutely clear the Sixth Amendment applies. It is completely unnecessary for us to preface every bill we pass in this Legislature with a clause that reads, except according to provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, the Legislature hereby enacts and...blah, blah, blah. So I think Senator DeCamp is essentially conceding the essential point of our defense to the committee's action to kill this bill and that is that all constitutional provisions are automatically read into the bills and if some conflict should arise and some hypothetical situation 15 years from now recognizing that we have never had a