

consideration because many times it is these apparently small things that cause the greatest offense because they are so unnecessary. And if people strive hard to rise up out of a position where they were usually prevented from doing what is available to everybody else and they achieve a title, don't take it from them. That's one of the things, so that's aside now. But I'm going to tell you again why I wish you would seriously consider bringing this bill up. We have a number of new senators this time around and there have been new senators in the Legislature who are considered veterans now, but they were not here when the original shield law was discussed. Some may not even know what that law entails. So it is a matter that I think is worthy of consideration. We have got a dispute as to whether the First Amendment guaranteeing freedom to the press can come into conflict with the Sixth Amendment guaranteeing a free trial. Anytime you have competing interests, the possibility of a conflict is there. So if the news media is always able to say sources that I will not name or somebody who said they talked to me provided I don't tell who they are, get away with it all the time and many times what they report turns out not to be true so we all wonder if there really was a source at all. How many of you can say, and they would print it, sources that I can't reveal because they wanted to remain anonymous and they print it? Nonsense. There is an arrogance about the press. If you compare the quality of newspapers in Nebraska with that in other places, you could even find that the quality is not what it ought to be. But perhaps enough money is not paid to get the best talent. We who read these papers don't know whether the lack of talent is at the reporter level or the editor level, but in any case we know that the finished product is not always what it should be, just as the finished product of legislation is not always what it should be. But they get to castigate the individual members, the Legislature as a whole, print things out of context, make their point by taking what was said by one person and disregarding what was said by another, singling out a senator who might carry the ball for them all the time and no matter what the discussion is, they might say Peter Hoagland said this, that's the World Herald, so I can see why Pete doesn't want to follow the nest that he's sleeping in as far as newspaper coverage is concerned. Maybe if one of those papers was that nice to me, I might be more kindly disposed, but the papers are what made me what I am today, a monster. I go out in western Nebraska and little children