

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett, we have reached the point where we have the...amended by the committee amendments and the motion to advance the bill which I assume is now and I think is debatable. Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. President and members, it's a pleasure finally to be able to make the motion to advance the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance the bill. Is there discussion? The lights are on, too many from the past, for me to know who wants to speak. Who wishes to speak on...Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, and like Senator Labeledz, I have been waiting all day to speak to the bill. I, too, wish to speak out about being one of the seven senators named as a vote trader. Is there a Lincoln senator here that can stand up and say I have come to them this year and said, I'll trade a vote with you for 144 or for 713? Senator Marsh, have...as far as I can see there is no Lincoln senator here that says I have asked them to trade a vote with me. I have one bill that is pending and that's my child pornography bill and I have not even gone around and asked anybody on that bill. But as I read the World Herald article I am now put between a rock and a hard place. It says, "Most of the contacts have been made through a prominent lobbyist who is working on both the Commonwealth and video slot issues," the officials said. They declined to name the lobbyist. The only lobbyist I know of that's working both sides of the fence is Mr. Radcliffe. I question whether or not he doesn't have a conflict of interest here. Perhaps Mr. Radcliffe is the one that's been going around trying to trade the votes. Maybe the Commonwealth people have been sold down the river like Marge Higgins was a couple of weeks ago when I trusted him, when he gave out a letter that said the Nebraska Real Estate Association fully endorses LB 667. You all received it, two or three copies, but what he never told me was at the same time he sent that same letter to 4,000 realtors in Nebraska and on the back side of it he listed, the following are the Omaha realtors' reasons against LB 667. This was after three weeks prior I had sat down and spent hours with Mr. Radcliffe, with the Omaha Board of Realtors and with the Nebraska realtors and made an agreement. So now I'm