

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me. I can't even read this morning and I'm sorry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all right.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, you are right under Senator Higgins' name and you are next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm going to discuss some things that I believe nobody is interested in, but it relates directly to this amendment. I think the offering before us is here now to strike Senator DeCamp's amendment because of an editorial that appeared in the Lincoln Journal, that is my opinion, saying that the accepting of Senator DeCamp's amendment created a right to lie in politicians. Well, newspapers have a right to lie and print lies. I'm not going to go through a lot of examples of where they've lied on me, but the thing that amused me and the people in my community was when the World-Herald printed, in the "Public Pulse", a letter that a man wrote saying that I pulled a pistol on my legislative colleagues. Now had that happened I'm sure there would have been an article about it. The World-Herald printed it knowing it was untrue. That is what the newspapers do, then they have the audacity to talk about the right to lie. Look what the Lincoln Journal ignored, and Senator Beutler with his Nebraska legal education, and Senator Landis with his legal education ignored. The language that Senator DeCamp struck says, no person shall write or print something containing a material...a false statement reference to a material issue of fact. It doesn't say anybody has to see it. If you write it, if I write it at my desk I have committed a crime by writing it, not by showing it to somebody. If I print something which is false, even if I show it to nobody, under the language of the law, that Senator DeCamp struck properly, that is a crime. If I post it in my own room, where nobody will see it, it is a crime. If I circulate it to people who I tell these things are not true but I'm considering whether I ought to send this around or not, that is a crime. It doesn't say that it has to be an untruth designed to mislead or likely to mislead. Senator DeCamp will understand this. I could say Senator DeCamp is as big as a house, that is obviously a misstatement. It is obviously a