

abortion, the Initiative 300 you need the maximum latitude to express what you believe and what you feel that particular legislation does or does not do, or that particular candidate does or does not support. To attempt to artificially, six months after the fact, to have some star chamber make a judgement as to what is or isn't the fact is not an appropriate way to go. If you just took the debate from LB 662, just the debate from LB 662, there were enough opinions expressed as to what 662 does or does not do to fill 10 years of Accountability Commission time.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: Was 662 a tax bill, or was it a reorganization bill? Was 662 this or that? I don't believe the Accountability Commission should be in the position of trying to decide what 662 did or didn't do, or what a number of other issues did. You say well it is not the intent to have them do that, and my answer to you is wrong. The one case, the one case where they really got deeply involved in this was strictly on legislative issues, 100 percent on legislative issues. What multibank was or wasn't, what LB 726, the water law, was or wasn't, what rules of the Legislature were or were not with respect to members voting. That is all that they dealt with. I urge not to adopt the motion by Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the reason what is being done here by this offered amendment disturbs me is because you are making language, if you strike Senator DeCamp's amendment, you are making language a crime. You are not saying that the language has to be threatening. You are not saying that it is going to lead to a civil disorder. You are not saying it is advocating a crime or trying to foment civil disorder. You are not saying it has to mislead anybody. It does not have to cause harm. It does not have to be calculated to mislead, nor does it have to be likely to be believed. None of those things are required under the law that Senator Beutler wants you to make binding on the people of this state. There have been attempts to get at these hypocritical, self-righteous newspapers and their editors by saying that they cannot print an ad if it is false, and if they do print one that is false they are responsible for it.