

not a sacred thing, maybe it isn't, but in my own personal opinion, and I believe the people in District 9, in Omaha, feel the same way, marriage is something to be protected. And I think if it takes criminal penalties to do it, or a civil lawsuit to teach somebody a lesson, you don't mess around with a marriage contract. You don't fool with other people's affections like that. This is why I oppose the bill. I, personally, don't care what other adults do with their lives, but I don't want to be one who votes to encourage adultery. I don't want to be one to vote to encourage more instability in the family life. And I...that is my own personal opinion. Thank you, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT:** Is there further discussion on the advancement of the bill? Senator Pirsch.

**SENATOR PIRSCH:** Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This bill really raises, I think, a lot of feelings, at least within me and probably within you. On the last amendment which...when we considered eliminating the adultery there were quite a few that voted to do that. It makes us pause and think, does a Legislature lead the public in law changes, or do we simply reflect on what society is today and change our laws to accommodate the mores of society today? Alienation of affection is the last bastion of confrontation in a divorce. You know, no fault divorce was hailed as the wonderful solution to that controversy and confrontation between married parties when something has gone wrong and a divorce is desired by one or both. But no fault divorce has just made it easy for one party to walk away. The anger, the bitterness, the hurt, the rejection of the other party is still there. The controversy and the confrontation are still there. They are still there over division of the property, division of the children, division of time of that child or children. And we have continually been talking about the children and how they are affected, creating more and more laws and programs to deal with those children of divorce and single parent families. The acrimony and the trauma will still be there and you cannot legislate that. We have made everything so easy to break up families, and this is the only cause of action left to that innocent injured party. If there is a divorce, and no third party involved, then this would not be applicable, it would not be used. But if there is a third party, that innocent injured party, who is losing a life that he or she did not want to give up but must because we have made divorce so