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LB 1251

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1839-40 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The motion fails. Are there further amendments on LB 1251, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers' amendment is on page 1697 of the Journal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is an amendment which is very serious in its import. Its intent was to phase out the University of Nebraska law college over a period of three years. I was as serious as a heart attack when I offered it. I still believe that it has great merit. The law schools, in a sense, are the incubator of the legal profession, which has fallen on bad days because of some of the poor conduct by those practitioners called lawyers. Throughout this state the economy is in a shambles, from what I read in here. There are many people being thrown off their land, in their own opinion, who are being moved off the land pursuant to legal process, based on what bankers and other lenders say who hold the paper. But the farmers who are the victims feel that the legal profession, from the lawyers through the judges, are their enemy, aimed at destroying them. The law schools have not distinguished themselves by producing graduates who show an interest in assisting those people obtain legal service and help who need it the most. Sometimes we'll pick up the paper, as I did this morning, and read where a judge makes very irresponsible statements. He says, based on what the paper indicated, five bullets were shot into his house and he said somebody is trying to give him a message. Then he proceeded to name an individual, say how this individual claimed to feel that he was a victim of a Jewish conspiracy, that the banks were trying to steal corn from his family, and he described this person as an extreme individual, this is a judge. And when I hear a judge talking in these terms, even through the newspaper, my blood begins to boil because judges tell the truth. You've

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