

this type of an amendment. I guess it just depends on who draws up the amendment and not so much on what the intent is. Thank you, Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Abboud. Senator Abboud waives. That brings us back to the adoption of the Hoagland amendments. Senator Hoagland waives closing. All those in favor of the amendments vote aye, those opposed vote no. We have done very, very well this last hour. We have done a lot of progressive work and I hope that those of you who are close to your desk will at least dispose of the amendments one way or the other. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Hoagland's amendment. Mr. President, Senator Johnson would move to amend the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am offering an amendment that is supported by the Nebraska State Bar Association and the amendment is not printed in the Journal. I have one photocopy in my hand. I will quickly describe it and I will tell you what it does, and my friend, Senator Hoagland, will be a little annoyed with me but those are the breaks. It says "On page 1, strike line 7 and insert 'child who is an alleged victim. On page 3, strike line 4 and insert 'child who is an alleged victim,' and then strike beginning with, 'unless in line 19 to the first dot in line 20.'" And that is it. What does it do? Senator Hoagland and I and some others have had interesting conversation about LB 90 because LB 90 is designed to really push some constitutional limitations as far as they can be pushed in terms of the constitutional rights of the accused to be confronted by their accusers, and when we have child-victims, we have child-victims, we are very alarmed that child-victims might be accusing their fathers or their mothers or someone close to them, and so what this bill is designed to do is really designed to isolate that child-victim from that defendant so that victim can give his testimony or her testimony without fear of immediate reaction or retribution by that defendant. Well, LB 90 covers not only child-victims but also child-witnesses. The Nebraska State Bar Association suggests to us that inasmuch as we are kind of pushing the contours of the constitutional law that we limit what we are doing to only cover child-victims. Let's not do it yet for child-witnesses. Let's not put the witness out of the range, so to speak, of the