

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I want to amen what Senator Wehrbein said about all the...about the legal profession. I want to add also inspiring lawyers, my good friend Senator Hall. One point I want to discuss, Senator Hall has mentioned the County Attorneys Association. I turn around, I talked to seven or eight senators, and they never had one call from a county attorney, and when we talk about we've got the thing fixed, we struck a deal, I say, baloney. If it is such a big county attorney bill, why don't they come and say something to us, and I agree with what Senator Bromm says. Let's keep the law the way it is. We have enough problems right now with the rapists, murderers, and so forth. Let's keep the law the way it is. Vote no on this bill. Let's take care of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I am going to be brief. I guess once you are branded, you are branded. Senator Hall keeps calling us former prosecutors. We are going to have to live with that label forever and ever and ever. Whether I was or was not a former prosecutor, this is just a bad piece of legislation. I'd hope that all of the people who voted against the amendment who yesterday were so involved in making sure that the reporting of child abuse just had to be right, I mean I hope that that...I hope that those things are not, that they are not taken completely separate. They are similar issues. They really are, and all we are saying here is that you need to make sure, and you have a method for doing that, you need to make sure that evidence that should not be admitted is not. It is not permissible to put in relevant evidence. Even relevant evidence that is more prejudicial than probative, the court is going to be able to do that. With this bill, however, the court is going to have now an extremely high burden which is clear and convincing evidence. I have not been contacted by the county attorneys or the county attorneys association. When you get to LB 430, which is on the agenda for today, I guess I expect everybody that supported, or excuse me, that opposed this will stand up and say, you know, this is the other half of the bargain, let's go ahead and put it in. We think this is a great idea also. I am not sure that's going to happen. I'm not sure that that's a great idea yet. I will look at that bill individually, but I told Senator Hall I would not die over this bill. I think it's a bad piece of legislation so I will just vote against it.