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press comes to me and says, why are you calling Las Vegas 35 times? And I say, I am the custodian of these records and go fly a kite. Now what remedy does the press have at that point?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The press may complain to the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission that it believes you are misusing state resources. The Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission has adequate investigative tools to find out the actual calls.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: All right, is there any other recourse the press has besides going to the Commission?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The press can publicize your reticence widely in your legislative district, as it will do. And that has always been the basic recourse the press has, is to give notoriety to your own conduct.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: And if the Accountability and Disclosure Commission by a narrow majority vote tells the press to go fly a kite also, why they can publicize it and what else can they do? Anything else?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: That's all.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you wish to withdraw your kill motion, Senator Hoagland?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I will reluctantly withdraw my kill motion, Mr. Speaker, but that doesn't mean I am going to support the bill even as amended.

SPEAKER NICHOL: There is no promise as to that. So the kill motion is withdrawn. Now we are back to the bill and I understand you have an amendment or two there, Mr. Clerk. Do you want to withdraw that other one, Mr. Hoagland...Senator Hoagland? It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, in that case we are then...I now have pending the Cullan amendment as Senator Cullan explained it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Cullan, excuse me a second, before you speak, I would like to introduce former Senator Arnold Ruhrke under the south balcony. Where are you, Arnold? Thank you. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, the amendment is self-explanatory. The purpose of the amendment is to make the telephone records of the Legislature available to the press,