

CLERK: I have no E & R amendments to 565. I do have an amendment to the bill offered by Senator Warner. That is found on page 1366 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment merely adds the words to those who wish, and there seems to be a difference of opinion in here to retain confidentiality on the various things covered in the bill the correspondence, phone calls or what have you. It merely adds for that to apply, upon a request by a member of the Legislature, file with the Clerk and available for public inspection which would then permit each of the legislative district's. . . which member from that area wants to have that confidentiality they can do it. Those who choose not to feel the need to protect their constituents by keeping it confidential, they are not put in a position of releasing their names. I think the responsibility for those who want to have the confidentiality ought to be such that they have to take action, they have to initiate something. Those members who choose not to cover that...to require that kind of protection for their constituents then need to take no action, their records are open. It seems to me that is a reasonable solution but the responsibility for closing them ought to be on those who want it to be done and not require the initiative to be taken on those who do not want to keep it confidential. I would hope that the body would adopt the amendment and then each of you can proceed as you like.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would interrupt to announce, and hope they are still here, guests of Senator Wesely in the north balcony, 15 fourth grader students from Trinity Lutheran School in Lincoln, Nebraska. Are they still here? I guess they had to leave. Very well. The Chair recognizes on the motion Senator Vard Johnson. May we have order in the Chamber please? I don't believe. . . (Gavel). . . you can follow the speaking very well the way it is. (Gavel). . . Conversation underneath the balcony and up here on the. . .

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise in opposition to Senator Warner's proposed amendment. This bill is a bill that affects each one of us in here, as you may recall, this is a bill that is designed to exempt from the freedom of information act, telephone records of senators, correspondence of senators, and internal office memoranda of senators. Senator Warner's amendment does this.