

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, my amendment is purely technical. It only seeks to tie down and put into writing the definition of possession that is intended by the sponsors of the bill. Now I know I have a reputation for being a fine "tuna" of legislation and that some of you may think I "perch" up here and "carp" much beyond my legal limit. But at the risk of appearing to be a "largemouth" I want to draw your attention to this possible "snag" in this bill and that we might as well "tackle" it before it gets to be a "reel" kettle of "fish" and a "whale" of a problem. I am not offering this amendment just for the "halibut", but I am not trying to be "bullheaded" either or "angling" for some other advantage. My "sole" "porpoise" is to keep us from "floundering." Now if it occurs to you that this is not exactly an ivy league sense of humor, you are right. John Goc put me up to this and he intimidated me by saying that he wasn't going to help me fry the other fish we have to fry unless I did do it and I said, "Holy mackerel, John, Great Kingfish, what are they going to think when I say these things," but he wouldn't back down and so although I am a little "distrout" I have done it. So with that, "x-clamation", I would ask you to adopt the amendment and if there are any questions please speak up, I'm a little hard of "herring."

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz, what do you have to say to this?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well how can I top that? Now you know the reason why I held the bill until he got back. Other than the fact that I support his amendment, even though I don't understand what he was saying, I support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I simply would like to inform Senator Vard Johnson, the chairman of the Executive Board, that perhaps some of our staff is overpaid.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I would just like a clarification, Senator Beutler. The introduction was so good that I want to make sure that we understand the real purpose of the amendment. When you say it is an affirmative defense to the prosecution for any violation, could you go into a little more detail on what that means?