

Legislature, I'm going to withdraw this amendment. I'm going to withdraw the amendment and I'm going to do that because it's clear that I can't express myself adequately on the issue, but I'm withdrawing the amendment, I'm going to make a couple of statements to the body. And the first statement is, is that the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee looked at this issue last year in light of those opinions by the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission and recognized that this Legislature daily walked on land mines. It daily walks on land mines. All right? You may not think about it, but the way the commission is interpreting the existing law today it is within the realm of possibility that some vote that you cast or that I cast, somebody after the fact could say represents a misuse of our office for our own benefit. Okay? So I offered an amendment in the committee which the committee adopted and which Senator Landis was able to persuade us to strike on the floor on General File. Okay? That was the wish of the body. In fact, my original amendment which just would simply say that under all circumstances we could vote and I kind of took the Schmit approach, under all circumstances we could vote. And then after that was repudiated by the body I sat down, I sent letters to everybody so you all know what the issues are, you should know what the issues are, and then I sat down and worked out the second amendment with Senator Hoagland and Ronald Volkmer and it is designed to narrow the scope of exposure, but I can't make the point. So I am prepared at this point to simply allow us to continue to walk on the land mines and I withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing else on the bill at this point...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you like to read the bill, please.

CLERK: ...however, I think there's one coming. Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to return LB 548 to Select File for a specific amendment. It would insert a new section in the bill which would read as follows: (Read Chambers amendment as found on page 698 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.