

what is present law and practice. With my amendment this bill will maintain current law and practice in its present form. The news can get filings and pleadings information now and it can not get psychiatric information and medical information of this kind. The courts have been getting along well with the news media up till now and this amendment would allow this situation to remain as it is. I ask for the adoption of my amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Nichol amendment to the committee amendment. Senator Johnson, do you wish. . . .

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I don't have a copy of Senator Nichol's amendment, is it in the Journal? Or is it on our desks?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman. . . .

CLERK: You are on, sir.

SENATOR NICHOL: This is not in the Journal, in fact this was worked out over the weekend, Senator Johnson, so I do not have a copy, for which I apologize.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: As I understand it then, Senator Nichol, the purpose of the amendment very simply is to take Section 65 as it deals with the confidential juvenile court records and to in effect continue existing law as opposed to make a change.

SENATOR NICHOL: That is correct. That is right.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I am going to speak in opposition to the amendment Mr. Speaker, members of the body, for the reason that I personally have felt in being involved in some juvenile court cases that the existing protections for confidential records are not strong enough and that there are some kinds of juvenile court records that can become available to other persons and those records are such that can have true harm, not just to the juvenile defendant but in some instances to witnesses and others that happen to be involved in a juvenile court case. I have taken the time to read LB 346, this bill essentially is labelled as a bill to more carefully codify juvenile court law and it is in a sense regarded as a fairly innocuous bill and yet as Senator Nichol points out this is a substantial change. In reading the change it seemed to me that the changes set