

mean from the delivery of the summons. But remember, that is probably, in most cases, a year and a half or two years, right in that range, after the initial incident that generated the whole conflict. So it is most certain that you are giving every, every, every benefit of the doubt before you even start the clock running on interest so to speak. I repeat, it's probably a couple of years is what it ultimately amounts to. Then you would only ultimately ever receive any interest if, in fact, you were vindicated in court and received a judgement. In other words the court said you were right from the beginning. You were damaged and so on. So I would urge you to support the Conway amendment and then the committee amendments. Then, of course, we can discuss the bill which, I guess, is a little bit controversial.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: I guess I have a question for Senator Johnson perhaps.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, would you respond, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WARNER: It's a clarification. Senator V. Johnson, could you tell me what the rationale for the interest among other things, I assume, is in part to expedite resolution of a conflict. Why would you not have the interest start from the time that the court was on the docket, rather than as the amendment proposes, when the defendant, which I assume is who is concerned about this, has no control over that date of when the court decides? It would seem to me it would make some sense if the litigants had some decision in the process as to when the court was going to act. But since they have no input or apparently none, it seems illogical that you put a third party in the position of making a decision. If you'd comment on that.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: If I might, I don't want to take too much of Senator Warner's time, a quick response. The committee amendment would say that interest shall run 90 days after the case is put on the trial docket. The placement of a case on the trial docket is up to the court system or the judge. The litigants have no control as to