

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Interesting. (laughter) And the answer was that it did not suffice to simply have belief that your act was criminal. The actual goods themselves had to be...had to contravene the customs laws of England. I think that that probably would remain true today. So even though this bill contains the language that a person who receives library property, believing it to be stolen, is guilty of an offense, if in fact the library property is not stolen he simply harbors an erroneous belief. He undoubtedly would not be found guilty of a criminal offense.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And as Mr. Spock of Star Trek would say, fascinating. Members of the Legislature, this is also one of the provisions which Senator Beutler's amendment specifically attempted to remove, and you chose not to do it. So, obviously, this provision was one of the inducements for passing this bill. That being unconstitutional, the whole bill is. So I hope, really I've got to vote to kill the bill because I made the motion. But I'm enjoying this so much, and I want to see the Legislature pilloried, as some of the cartoonists and others can do in a case like this, that you ought not vote to kill this bill. It, as certain other pieces of atrocious legislation, has come closer to reflecting the way the legislative process in fact works than some of the other things that have happened here. So this should be allowed to live.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman. Senator Vickers, I don't see Senator Haberman. Okay. Senator Vickers. I don't see Senator Vickers. Okay, Senator Vickers. Senator Vard Johnson is next, then Senator Hefner. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, very quickly I just want to make one point that has been made earlier. I hope the members of this body, that have found it very difficult, and I understand that as I have found it very difficult to say no to those dear librarians that call you, and write you, and come and visit with you, that this piece of legislation is wrong, for those people that have found it difficult, let me point out to you that the bill, as it is right now, makes it less of a penalty to steal a book, or tear up a book, or deface a book from a public library than it does from a book store downtown. Now I ask you, is that what your librarians have been asking you to do? Is that what your librarians have been asking you to do, to make it a lesser penalty to steal a book from a library, or to