

conflict so far in the 10 or 12 years of experience we've had with this bill, why this Sixth Amendment of course applies. So I think that it makes even less sense in light of the amendment Senator DeCamp has printed to bring this out of committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we have to keep in mind that when a bill is pulled from committee it comes out naked, meaning the way it was introduced is the way it comes out, no committee amendments, no anything. And a bill once it comes on the floor of this Legislature is the property of the Legislature, meaning any of us have a right to try to do with that bill whatever we can get enough votes to do. I think still, despite Senator DeCamp's amendment, despite what Senator Hoagland has said, that the issue needs to be discussed. How much are we going to exempt media persons from disclosing information, what types of information and so forth? The media, in most instances where governmental operations are concerned, represent the only window that the public will have to what is going on. Anybody who is subject to reportage is at the complete mercy of the reporter who writes the story and the editor who butchers it. Lawyers have often said it makes no difference if you graduate from Harvard if you've got a judge who graduated from the barnyard, meaning that the judge has a level of understanding beyond which you cannot argue your case. So the ability of the judge limits your ability to present your case if the judge is not competent. If you have a reporter who is a generalist and does not really understand the subject he or she is required to report, they filter through their mind which often is distracted because the subject may not be that interested, everything they filter and the biggest things will hang up in there somewhere on the jagged corners of their mind and then they go wherever they go to do these things and they pull those nuggets off and often the biggest thing is the least valuable. If you're in a gold mine, most of what you dig out of the ground is not going to be of any value at all. If you're trying to find emeralds, and I saw this on Believe it or Not just Sunday, that's why I know about this, the same thing obtains. You find a lot of dirt, rocks and what not which have no value whatsoever. So when you are sifting and the only thing you catch is that which is largest in size you often are getting