

rule. We pick and choose, don't we? Some can brazenly say I'm going to vote for a bill that will put money...that deals with money going directly into my pocket, in my business, and nobody raises a question. Somebody else is going to be in a business that sells the machinery that allows gambling and the World Herald, the Lincoln Star, the Journal, the...whatever those people are up on the 11th floor all get upset about a conflict of interest. Either it should be all the way for everybody across the board, or it should be nobody. You'll notice that when they started talking about doing away with any prosecution or penalties on senators for having conflicts of interest, it was not to benefit the garden variety senator but the lawyers, the lawyers, because they've got their fingers in everything. How can you ask them not to vote on bills that might affect their income, but you can tell somebody else not to? All this talk of conflict of interest ought to go out the window, and a senator ought to be able to do anything he wants to, vote on any measure that he pleases. We should do away with the so-called Sunshine Commission, we should take the limits off of what lobbyists can pay because there is such favoritism in this body that it galls me, excuse me, Senator Goll, I'm not talking about you, g-a-l-l-s. I don't accept money from lobbyists. I don't eat with them. I'm not in any business where somebody can say I've got a conflict of interest, but I seem to be more distressed about these things than anybody else. You can pass all the conflict of interest bills you want and it's not going to make any difference to me. It's not going to touch anything I do. But I look at what happens to people on the floor of this Legislature. I know Senator Hefner didn't mean what he said. He may have meant it then, but he's going to think about it and he's not going to vote on this bill. If he votes on it, he is like the little boy who took his finger out of the hole in the dike. Everything on the other side of that dike ought to come flowing through and not just for senators, for every public official in this state. Now the news media we are talking about, the shield laws and how they tell the public things, we know how they will go after Schmit, we know how they will go after DeCamp, we know how the World Herald will favor Peter Hoagland. These are the realities that everybody knows. Now I'm going to see what they write about Senator Hefner. Maybe they, in their wisdom,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.