

an important cause. It should not be deferred. It should not be delayed. It should not be denied.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: It should be resolved now. I am prepared to accept the final vote. Win or lose, this is a cause that will not die. It is a cause that truly ought not be deferred.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would oppose bracketing the bill. I haven't said anything on it at all thus far, but I do think with the amount of work that has been done, the temporizing, compromising, all those things have brought us to this point today, whereas somebody mentioned the big gun of the lobbyist is now going to work and I know that we have reached a point, as Senator DeCamp brought out, where whoever has the power and can exert it is going to prevail. The merits of the bill will have nothing to do with it and in the past I have been the one usually who would have to refer to this aspect of legislating. The peculiar thing about it all, and it is almost laughable, is that when on an occasion, for a change, lawyers take a position that would be beneficial to the public, they are vilified. Then the lawyer who is representing the large special interest group that crushes people regularly...I am talking about the insurance companies that are about a half an inch inside the law and they ought to be ruled outlaws but they are not, is considered the voice from on high. Jim Ryan is a lawyer but since he has insurance companies as his clients, suddenly there is nothing wrong with being a lawyer. The insurance companies' lawyers are making money from the insurance companies when they can delay the settlement of claims, but that kind of lawyering is all right. People like my good friend, Senator Hefner, who doesn't want to sock it to the rich as he says, can understand those kind of lawyers because they represent the rich. They are crushing down those who don't have, and that is the strong suit of this Legislature. That is when it feels most comfortable. So I will sit back and watch this vote and see the power prevail and on another occasion stand up when everybody is talking about principles and ethics I will just remind us of this day when the true means by which legislation is moved or