

as I'm concerned this isn't a clean bill. It's not what the committee came out with and we're being set up and I ask you not to advance LB 713. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson, do you wish to speak on the bill?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I know that in the last...with respect to the last couple of speeches folk have commented for a few minutes about how their vote has been affected by an article that appeared in the newspaper today. I always think it's unfortunate that one's vote is affected either positively or adversely by a piece that appears in the newspaper, but I would like just to take a couple of minutes to indicate that when I read the article this morning, even though my name was not mentioned in the article, it could well have been, might as well have been. I personally happen to support the video slot bill and I've also supported the Commonwealth resolution. It seems to me that a reporter has an obligation to name sources and it also seems to me that a reporter has an obligation to at least verify with people whose names are listed in an article the facts that he is printing about them and the fact that that didn't happen indicates the quality of the article and the quality of the reportage. It's unfortunate that people's votes in this body are being affected by an incredibly shoddy, sloppy job.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, did you wish to speak on the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have said earlier this afternoon that I have always supported the Commonwealth cause and I think it's important that those of us on this floor recognize that many times individuals suffer because of the acts of government directly or indirectly. I've said many times that you can work for 40 years to put something together and in 40 minutes the government in one form or another can take it away from you. I'm not going to dwell on that. I want to comment briefly also because I believe it's important to point out that there are many, many forms of chicanery that go on in politics. Probably the most honorable form is that which you see out here on the floor every day when legislators work together trying to resolve problems that arise, trying to solve the problems that beset the