

General in his opinion and that if the question is properly phrased to him, which may have been my fault in not properly phrasing it, he has no choice but to say 717 in its original form is unconstitutional. That is an allegation and it is an opinion on my part. If, through that, I am guilty of duplicity, or nonintellectual honesty, or if, through that, I am somehow or anybody else is somehow a pawn of the banking industry, then I would guess that there are others who when they reach a settlement on any particular issue and offer an amendment here, such as the liquor tax, are guilty of duplicity being the pawn of this or that. I think the amendment is a pretty good amendment. I think you should stick with it. I realize that on any issue our emotions can rise or get hot when we lose a particular issue. I, quite frankly, did not expect the amendment to carry. I felt it was a very good amendment, a solid amendment, will do everything I claimed. At the same time I, quite frankly, did not expect it to pass because it has become such a complicated area. I would urge you to stick with it. To quote my good friend, Vard Johnson, stay in the trenches, stay in the trenches and advance the bill and get the issue settled. Senator Johnson was the one that suggested we take a minimum amount of time on this issue, vote the amendment up or down. That is precisely what occurred. Now I think it is time for he and others simply to vote to either advance, or not advance the bill. If Senator Johnson has strong, strong feelings, even bracket the bill until January if you felt that was more appropriate. But I'm satisfied the amendment is in decent form and is constitutional and will do the things required of it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman, and then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I call the question.

PRESIDENT: I think we are just about near the end of the debate anyway, Senator. Thank you. Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President. I would like to ask Senator Landis if he would respond to Senator DeCamp's question regarding the taxing of the government securities. Do you feel that has been addressed in the...or has it been ignored by the Attorney General?