

nodding. Boom, out comes this bill and it says the Legislature is now able to vote on anything it wants to regardless of whether there is financial gain or not. Now, nothing that we said to the committee ever brought that up, see. It's kind of this little bill about local political subdivisions and in the wisdom of the closed Executive Session which has permitted the Legislature but to no other political subdivision of the state, Senator Johnson proposed a rule that senators could vote where they had a financial gain, a rule that no other political subdivision in this state has and now I am stuck with it on my bill. The NADC says, you know, Dave, listen, we thought your bill was terrific but now this changes the game plan. I am not so sure I wouldn't vote for Senator Johnson's bill if it was his bill, but I have got to carry the bill and I have got to go back to all these people I have been shepherding around in getting them into and out of the hearing room and making the agreements and putting them in the same room and now it is all ready to go up into a big mushroom cloud because Vard had a good idea. I don't mind Vard's good ideas on his time but it is hard when they are on my time and my bill may suffer. I am not going to argue the issue that is before the Legislature on its merits because there are two sides to that story. I would merely ask you to do this, save that question for a different time, save it for a bill brought by a sponsor who will defend it because I am not going to defend it right now on this floor. I am not sure I am ready to subscribe to Senator Johnson's principle that we may cast any vote we wish to regardless if we have a specific financial gain to be made from it. I think that is a little...I would like to think about that before I subscribe to that principle, particularly one week after defeating the code of ethics, myself, I would just as soon think that one over. Anyway, I don't ask you to disagree with Vard's issue. I do ask you to separate the questions and permit me to go forward with the rather carefully negotiated bill that I have with all of the political subdivisions and the NADC that accomplishes a valuable purpose and to save for a rainy day the question inherent in Section 12. I hope that you will not adopt Section 12 without necessarily ruling on its merit but simply saving it for a more appropriate day of debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, then Senator Withem.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I appreciate