

bill. It is germane to his bill because it deals with the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission. It is germane to his bill because it deals with conflict of interest, just as his other statute deals with conflict of interest. It just happens to cover the Nebraska Legislature and, yes, it is one of those kinds of things that the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission, in its wisdom when it convenes, could decide, well, maybe this isn't such a good public policy. Mind you, after you cast a vote some time in this body on an issue that you might have some financial involvement with though you never once think about it, you never once think about it because you happen to be a farmer, and, yes, some of your income comes from this particular source but because the source seems like a pretty general sort that you are voting on...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...you just go ahead and vote, somebody could come up after the fact and say, you violated the criminal statute, and you never even once thought about it and you were only voting to carry out your official duties. So I am saying, wait a minute, I don't want anybody to fall in that trap. That is a bad trap to fall into. Let's at least provide consistency in our political and accountability disclosure statutes with respect to when and when we cannot vote and since we decided in '76 that we could vote notwithstanding the conflict of interest, which I think is perfectly appropriate, then, by golly, that same theme ought to run through the entire set of statutes, and that is all this amendment does.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of Section 12. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Eight are excused.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, I understand. I will ask for a call of the house even though (interruption)...excused.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Will you please