

voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 546 passes with the emergency clause attached. LB 548.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have motions to return.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion I have is by...Senator Johnson, I understand the amendment you had printed in the Journal you want to withdraw, Senator?

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (Johnson amendment appears on pages 696-97 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the amendment that I have offered is on your desk. It is an amendment that has been approved, in effect, by the Political Accoun...by Danny Trautwein, I guess that's all I can say because the Political Accountability Commission did not meet. Senator Hoagland and I sat down and two weeks ago with Ronald Volkmer, a member of the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission and we dealt with this question that the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission has raised in connection with the votes taken by members of the Legislature that we might regard as potential conflicts of interest, but which after the fact, the commission might regard as an actual conflict of interest. Now I have circulated a letter to you about a week ago with a bunch of stuff in it, as you may recall, dealing with the various advisory opinions of the commission to Senator Beutler and to Senator Schmit and to Senator Hoagland and those advisory opinions end up saying that under some circumstances we could be guilty in here of a misdemeanor offense if we cast a vote on a matter where we had an actual conflict of interest. That's what the opinions ended up saying. And inasmuch as actual conflict of interest was not well defined in the statutes, it seemed to me, for the betterment of all of us, we should take the