

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, Senator Johnson and I have always discussed about people, namely Senator Johnson, bringing in to the last moment, large amendments that make drastic changes. Realizing that some of us common people like myself that doesn't have the formal Eastern education and just basically made a livelihood out in the country with the pigs and the cows and the cornfields, that he knows that we do not understand these things very fast, but one thing did catch my eye was the word "immediate". And I probably should stand up and support this piece of legislation or this amendment for Senator Johnson because it kind of intrigues me on what would happen if this was adopted, put on the bill, advanced and passed on Final Reading. When I look at the immediate financial gain I heard him talk about the Alabama court case and the definition of immediate, it brought to my mind other things that represent immediate financial gain and everything from a property tax bill that would decrease property taxes, which would be immediate gain for everybody in here, but probably bigger than that on one side of the fence is when we talk about attorneys, which my colleague Senator Schmit mentioned a minute ago, and I think we have a bill that we were debating very heavily the other day called LB 626 that dealt with DWIs and work permits and stuff like that. Now I'm quite sure that Senator Hoagland and Senator Johnson probably have clients along these lines and the question I ask, if something like this was adopted, would that prevent them from voting on this or voting on a 626 because they could receive immediate financial gains from that. I think this is intriguing enough, I'm almost ready to support it, but basically right now I will oppose the amendment and I hope other people will realize what the true ramifications of this could be and do likewise and make sure that this does not...bill is not brought back and the bill as is, is read on Final Reading.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, please, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Johnson a question if I may.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.