

goes into the amendment we've already adopted and refines the language in Section 2 and Section 4, and what this amendment basically does is it allows a district judge to hear a case assigned to a county judge if it be convenient for the parties to do so. For instance, if we have a county judge who is not in town that day and the district judge is in town that day, the county judge can ask the district judge if he will handle a case for him, and if the district judge consents, it will be done. This will be of considerable convenience to rural attorneys and rural parties where a county judge and a district judge may not be in the same town at the same time, so things can get done more quickly. Conversely, the amendment allows a county judge, a consenting county judge, to handle a matter in a case assigned to a district judge or handle the entire case, for that matter, provided the county judge consents and provided the parties consent. The language that we are asking you to adopt now is already contained in the larger amendment we already adopted but this is a more refined version of that same language that has been drafted in conjunction with the Bar Association and other interested parties. I would ask your adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the amendment? If not, the question is, shall the amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of that amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you have anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is a fairly modest amendment that is printed in the Journal. I have been reading this amendment forwards and backwards to find out where it is printed in the Journal and I am totally unable to do that but I know it is there because I was told it was there. This amendment...that is what I am trying to find out is the page