

amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment to the amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend. Senator, I have 2705 before me. (AM2705 appears on page 1687 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm sure that you also have on your desks AM2705, a real simple amendment. It provides an operative date for this piece of legislation. The legislation as currently drafted becomes operative 90 days upon adjournment, if it passes. This just simply says it becomes operative January 1, 1987. Move the amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right. Who wishes to speak on the Johnson amendment to the DeCamp amendment? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, again, I'd just like to say that I do not support the amendment. I think that if we're going to do this we ought to take some other measure which may be discussed a little bit later. We are delaying the effective date until January 1, 1987. That's a very effective tactic. I've used it many times myself. If you delay that until perhaps April 1st of 1987, give us time to correct the terrible wrong in the next session, Senator Vard, I might be amenable, but I'm not going to buy it because all it does is delay the day of accounting and the accountability until January 1st, goes by the fall elections and I think that those of us who are willing to support this bill ought to be willing to go back to our constituencies prior to the election of 1986 and say we struck a blow for freedom and for business and industry and we know we're going to pay for that, but we ought to be able to stand there and defend it and, therefore, I do not believe we should allow the amendment to be adopted. The amendment is a delay tactic. The amendment is a method whereby we delay our own accountability. Far too often on this floor this Legislature is able to enact into law bills which no one understands the meaning of and the consequences of which are totally and fully unintended at the time. I think that we ought to know, in this case, Senator Vard, that your little amendment, as almost innocuous as it might appear to be, is