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PRESIDENT: The committee amendment, I think, is not divisible. Is that what you are saying?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Yes. We'll proceed then. Senator Goodrich, you are the next to speak.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, would Senator Vard Johnson yield to a question, please?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Vard, I'm in support of your amendment, committee amendment, but it's just I want to clarify something. In your comments on the floor you indicated if a veteran was 100 percent disabled and then the amendment itself reads if he qualifies as a disabled. You are really referring and the amendment is referring to if he qualifies for disability, not 100 percent disability necessarily, is that right?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well it is designed to reflect 100 percent service connected disability. And if there is a drafting error we'll have to clean it up on Select File. I don't think that there is. I think that is a correct amendment.

SENATOR GOODRICH: But what I'm talking about, if a veteran is 90 percent disabled...

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR GOODRICH: ...and he's going to get...there is a possibility he would get treated one way, whereas the veteran that was 100 percent disabled would be treated a different way. I just want to make sure we don't goober it up that way. If they are qualified as a disabled veteran they ought to be qualified for this exemption.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I do appreciate the point. However, I believe that the current law, and I'll have to take a quick look at it, the current law does require 100 percent disability, not 90 percent or 80 percent, 100 percent service connected disability. So at this point we do distinguish, literally, that poor veteran who has a 90 percent service connected disability from one who has a 100 percent service connected disability.

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