

would recommend the adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, then Senator Vard Johnson. Senator Vard Johnson, did you want to...Senator Vard Johnson. Oh, I see Senator Schmit now.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I guess I am a little bit disgusted at the fact that this amendment is even necessary because of the fact that the bill corrupts a system which is already weak enough in its ability to enforce the collection of child support. Under the present statute it is the responsibility of the county attorney. The district judge may appoint another attorney to enforce the collection of child support if he so chooses. Now I would suggest that the district judge ought to certainly have an interest in that district in that case that it would even perhaps be greater than that of the Attorney General. The facts are right now the system, in all honesty, is not working, that the system contained in the bill is a fraud. It is a fraud. And I would...I am going to vote for the amendment and I am going to vote against the bill and I would suggest the rest of you might think about doing the same thing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, please. Senator DeCamp is next after Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the amendment is a relatively innocuous amendment. It does take care of the problem that I raised the other day with respect to property owned by the second spouse. I think it takes care of it in a reasonable fashion. Senator Hannibal asked me privately whether or not this amendment if done would affect us in being out of compliance with federal requirements. I just visited with committee counsel of the Judiciary Committee and was informed that, no, in fact, this particular amendment because it adds more strength to the bill might even make us a little more in compliance with federal requirements and for those reasons I think that it is a good amendment for us to support.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please. Senator Higgins, do you wish to speak, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Is this Senator