

it does not offend me to believe that someone ought to have the right to run for public office but because they invoke the right of privacy upon themselves, the privilege of the right of privacy, they choose not to file this disclosure statement. As long as the voters know that, have the option to know it as it would propose here on the ballot, I do not see where in any way it would lessen the effect of the Sunshine Act. I have a suspicion it probably will accelerate the importance because it is optional. One thing that I think is important, you could also state that while it is optional, why have it at all? Well, there is one very good reason and that is that you need uniformity of reporting and through the Political Accountability Commission and their requirements for reporting there would be uniformity of reporting from the voters point of view. Those who did report, there could be reasonable comparison if that is important that could be made with like facts. For those reasons I would accept the DeCamp amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: A question of Senator DeCamp if he will yield, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR SIMON: John, I want to get something clarified first that Senator Warner had commented on. Now if the person is appointed to a Planning Board, as most of them are, based under your amendment, they still have the option as to whether or not to submit the report, correct?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Is that right, Senator Warner?

SENATOR SIMON: I'm asking you. It is your amendment.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, I'm asking Senator Warner. He knows more about it than I do.

SENATOR SIMON: You don't know what your amendment does? Senator Warner.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Do you want the information or do you want me to...

SENATOR SIMON: I will ask Senator Warner then. Senator Warner, if a person is on a Planning Commission, do they have to submit a report under this amendment? They did before.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, under this amendment, a member of a Planning Commission either Municipal or County, declare all their real estate holdings within the...

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, I understand that. The thing I was asking, with the DeCamp amendment it still says they have to do that. What I was trying to understand was you were saying that a person who was elected official, if they choose not to submit the report, then the voters can clearly tell that, it will be indicated on the ballot so that the voters can see that this person does not choose to comply. Senator John DeCamp does choose to comply with the Sunshine Amendment or Senator Barry Reutzel or Neil Simon or whatever. However,