

we said that is because we are the best deciders in our own hearts as to what is or is not a conflict of interest and when we make that decision we file a report with the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission but we can then go ahead and vote as we feel our constituents would have us vote or we can go ahead and vote as we think our best judgment would have us vote. We can do that. We should have the unfettered ability to vote and we also shouldn't have to worry about an after the fact determination by some other body that our vote, to our surprise, was a conflict of interest and now we are involved in a criminal statute or an administrative remedy statute. We shouldn't have some other body breathe down our neck after the fact to determine that our particular vote was a conflict of interest. So we simply said as a committee since we were dealing with this issue of conflict of interest that the mere voting by a legislator in and of itself would not trigger the conflict of interest statute and that is all that particular amendment says.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am not unprepared to discuss what an appropriate standard should be for the Legislature but this bill came to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee to resolve some interpretational questions for local political subdivisions. I carried the bill down to the committee. I laid out the rule for the schools, for the NRDs, for the cities for the counties and I said, listen, let's put all these in the same thing and they went along with that and they said, and you know what, rather than having 93 interpreters of those, let's just have one. All of those political subdivisions are willing to have the Accountability and Disclosure Commission be their interpretational guide. So let's shuffle this on over to the NADC law and then you will have exactly one body who will be setting the questions of interpretation for the entire political subdivision list. They won't have to run to their own county attorneys. They won't get one opinion for Madison County and another decision for Frontier County. Everybody will have the same basic rules for the local political subdivisions. Lined up all the political subdivisions. They came in and said, yup, Dave, good law, we are ready to live by it. NADC came down and said, yup, Dave, good law, we are ready to live by it. Handed it over to Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. Lots of