

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, Mr. President and members of the body, I think there is a great deal of confusion on this legislation, and I would like to try to put it in some sort of perspective, because if it doesn't get in perspective I think a lot of people are going to vote....I am not sure how they are going to vote but they are not going to vote with what we are trying to do in mind. Basically, what has happened is that this bill started out as a rewrite of the statutes. I mean, we are trying to rewrite the statutes originally only to do what the Political Accountability Disclosure Commission has interpreted the law to mean. But we were trying to rewrite it in such a way so that if Myron Rumery or Harold Sieck or Bill Nichol or any legislator on this floor or any other candidate running for office wanted to be able to read the bill and actually figure out what it really meant, they would not have to go to the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission for an interpretation...because it is confusing the way the bill...the way the law, not the bill but the way the law is presently written. Okay, during the course of the fact that this bill has been here on this floor two years there has been people with a lot of good ideas and they have tried to help the bill out, and some of these good ideas have not been the best ideas, but they have slowly but surely got incorporated into the bill. Now, what we are saying is that all we want to do with this amendment is to bring the bill back. Mr. President, I have this sinking feeling that not only is nobody listening but the conversation is going someplace else. Mr. President, if you could help me get a little....I would like to have just a little attention. I am....not that I want to....

PRESIDENT: I know you are not getting any attention.

SENATOR NEWELL: I know.

PRESIDENT: That's the problem. I have already almost cracked the gavel before and it didn't do any good. We might hit it one more time and see if somebody will pay any attention. All right, proceed.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, basically, what we are doing then is simply this, we are saying, all right, let's take all the sections that there is not general agreement out of the bill. Let's leave in the bill only the rewrite or primarily the rewrite of the statute so that anybody on the street who read it could actually interpret it the way that the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission interprets it, and that is what we are trying to do with this motion. Now, there are some areas and some