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people disagree over they want certain things in and they want certain things out, but that is basically what this motion does. It says the rewrite will stand alone. If you want to make some substantive changes to the bill, then you introduce legislation next year. But it is important that we pass this bill this year. It is important for anybody who is running for public office so that they can read the statute and interpret what is going on the way the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission does. Because if they cannot do that, and if they do not do that, we are going to have a lot of people not in compliance with the law and for basically not very good reasons, only that it is confusing language the way the law is written now. We are only trying to take the controversial sections out, those that have disagreement and leave only the rewrite of the general statute, and that is what this amendment does.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Marvel, do you want to say anything at this point?

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would like to ask Senator Hoagland a couple of questions if I might.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SPEAKER MARVEL: It has to do with the description that he gave to the sections. Now if I understood you correctly, you said that sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 were absolutely necessary. I have supported this legislation...similar legislation all along but the language is so vague that I can't figure out what is good and what is not. 6, 7 and 8, you said were good, and 9 was probably necessary. Is that the right language?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I don't understand how you can expect legislators to approve legislation when we have this kind of vague language. I am involved in a political campaign. I thought we had all the rules and regulations set up and I would assume that the language that you are proposing in 535 is going to simply foul everything up so that nobody will know where we are. We won't know whether we are legal or illegal. Now, can...is there a way that you could be helpful in categorizing the sections so we really understand which are good and which are bad, and I don't know what probably necessary means, Senator Hoagland. I am sorry.

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