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SENATOR NEWELL: Yes. Also attorneys.

CLERK: Also an attorney. Okay.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, just basically I wanted to make the amendment to make it a professional, just so we deal with professional...all professionals, doctors, MDs, they have a client-professional relationship, etcetera, so I would just like to make the Schmit amendment one in which we have a little equity and try to deal with all professions in the same way because, in fact, the same sorts of situations could exist, could they not, Senator Schmit? Senator Schmit, I would like to ask you a question. I really want to know whether if you really don't think this is a preferable, broader more fair way to deal with this issue and whether you would support this amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit, will you respond, please?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator, I believe I can support this amendment. I have just heard about it, of course. I have no objection. I think sunshine is great and the more of it you get, the better, and I think that those of us who are involved in the political spectrum can full well recognize that we have a special status and so I would not have any problems with that.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, thank you, Senator Schmit. Sometimes I wonder whether or not we all have the same affinity for this legislation, but I would offer this amendment to create the kind of equity which I think is beneficial, that is not to single out attorneys but to include all professionals in this sort of a situation. So with that I offer the amendment. Senator Schmit is in agreement and I think it would make it much preferable, less, you know, less a class sort of thing, hopefully less personal and a very broad context make this amendment preferable.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Beutler, did you wish to talk to the Newell amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the Newell amendment does nothing more than create another class of professional people as opposed to business people. If you are going to be fair about it, then why don't you amend it to include business people too so they can disclose all of their clients? The rule was reasonable to begin with. It was reasonable when it had you state what your source of income was from your