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SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.)

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I appreciate the comments made on the bill itself and on the amendments, and I appreciate even those who have a certain amount of opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment that they will support the proposed amendment that I'm offering to the bill. It does clarify some concerns that the Attorney General has brought to my attention with the proposed amendment. This helps...I think would help prepare the bill to be ready for passage. Senator Schmit has raised a point that I'm not prepared to draft an amendment at this point. It does not mean that I will not bring the bill back from Final Reading, if it advances today, to clarify that section that he has concerns with. I think he raises a legitimate point that does need to be addressed. My staff and I will begin working on an amendment to clarify that aspect, if we feel it is necessary. But I don't believe it would be appropriate at this time, as unprepared as we are with trying to draft language on the floor here, that it would be more appropriate to take some time and consider what Senator Schmit has brought up, and then at that time put that in the bill, if it's necessary. So I would just ask the body's approval of the amendment, and then we can discuss the support or opposition to the bill itself at the appropriate time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing. And the question is the adoption of the amendment offered by Senator Johnson to LR 2CA. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson, on the advancement, anything?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President, yes. I would just add that as I sat down with my staff and we began the discussion of how the bill was constructed, needless to say we did want to make absolutely certain that the bill was