

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Ashford. I'm not really, I'm not really very warm about this particular amendment, because many of the...many times when an individual may be prosecuted, under what is a rule or regulation that is promulgated by a state agency, for example, say in the area of the environment where fines are very high, and inconveniences to the citizen are great and the costs of defending himself are high, because it's complex, complex law, and complex rules and regulations, requires expert witnesses that are very costly, and, if that rule or regulation is unconstitutional, then that individual may be bankrupt in defending himself. And, under that basis, I would oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Next we have Senator Haberman. Do you wish to speak on the amendment? Senator Haberman. I don't see Senator Haberman. We'll proceed next to Senator Wickersham. He waives off. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR FIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support Senator Ashford's amendment. This would alleviate some of the questions and concerns that came before the committee, or that the committee discussed. And those kinds of things, such as our vagrancy law which was later found to be unconstitutional, liquor, zoning laws, perhaps in those serious, or we consider them more serious because they are felonies, that those should be allowed under this bill. And I think that would eliminate my objections, and so I will support the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any further discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Ashford, do you wish to close?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Speaker Baack. Senator Elmer just came up to me and suggested that we strike the words "rule or regulation" as a compromise proposal. And that actually, probably would be a good way to handle the matter as well. So, with... Senator Elmer, are you suggesting that we amend, if I might ask you a question.

SENATOR ELMER: Certainly, Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator Elmer, are you suggesting that if we strike the words "rule or regulation" in an amendment that you would support that?

SENATOR ELMER: I would be much more comfortable than just to