

committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It requires a simple majority of those voting. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: The motion is carried. The amendments are adopted. Are there further amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend, Mr. President. (Chambers amendment appears on page 1459 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Clerk, so that I can locate that page, would you read that to me, please?

CLERK: It amends AM2560, Senator, which I believe are the committee amendments. Page 6, line 16, strike the words "or believes".

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have it here. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. members of the Legislature, I want to amend this paragraph and I'm going to read it for you so you won't have to find it in your book. Any candidate who swears to the truth of any affidavit filed pursuant to Section 4 of this act when that candidate knows or believes the affidavit contains any material element which is false shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. What we are saying is that a person can be guilty of a crime for a mistake. Who drafted this amendment, because I don't know. I want to ask that person a question. Then let me ask, I'll ask myself so we can have like a dialogue. Question. Suppose nothing in the affidavit is indeed false but the person signing it thinks it's false, has anybody been harmed by the person signing the affidavit and swearing that nothing in it is false when, in fact, nothing is false but the signer thinks something is false? Answer. No, no harm is done. We should not enact legislation that attempts to read people's minds and will punish them for doing something which, in fact, they did not do simply because they thought they did it. Here's the point I'm getting to. Let's say that...who would do this? Let's say Senator Kristensen left \$5 on my desk for me, and I don't know he left it here for me so when I see it I know it's not mine and I think somebody left it there by mistake and I take it. Have I