

interest in filing statements, but none of the staff, you mentioned, Senator Vrtiska and others and Senator Bromm, would have to fill out those statements of conflicts of interest and I'll just...will not talk again until close. I'm aware of the time, but, on the other hand, I think this is very important. I hate to see us pass an ethics bill that saves 25 bucks for what you spend on a Senator and make it look like we're doing something and we ignore completely those kind of things I just mentioned. I've got another real good one for you when I come back again.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to support the Lynch amendment. I think it's a real good amendment. I think Senator Coordsen is also right. Whether it's ethics or whether it's term limits, it should affect every elected official in this state. I don't care who it is. If you're an elected official and if we pass legislation that had to do with ethics, then it should affect every one of them. It's, you know, you always hear about these different county commissioners that take all these fishing trips and hunting trips and all other kinds of trips. Now I don't know whether they're actually true or not, but I've never been a county commissioner. I think that Senator Lynch has been and he might know about any fishing trips, but you always hear about them, but I think that they should also be under this same, if we pass any legislation at all. A lot of people in my district, it seems, get the Legislature confused with federal government. They hear about what's happened back in Washington with some of those Senators and Congressmen and they think that's what happens down in Lincoln. They don't realize that we're a citizen Legislature. You know, I have never heard of anything happening down here that's unethical. Maybe something has that I haven't heard about, but I think that whatever we do needs to cover every elected official in this state. If we're going to have ethics law, they have to cover everyone. But also remember that you cannot legislate ethics. There's no way we could pass any legislation that would make everyone ethical. You either are ethical or you're not, one or the other, but you can't pass legislation to make that happen. So I really support Senator Lynch's amendment. I think it's a good amendment if we're going to pass that type legislation this year. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Bromm.