

RULING ON ENGROSED SENATE BILL 5294

February 14th, 2020

In response to at Point of Order by Senator Sheldon as to the ethics of voting on a bill that my directly benefit the senate members themselves, the President finds and rules as follows:

The bill before you does not concern any particular legislator and not even the 147 members of the legislature that currently serve but, in fact, any eligible potential legislator now and in the future. And so, there are many laws on the books that relate to the functioning of the state legislature and legislators. Those have been passed by legislators and do not constitute conflict of interest. There is no conflict of interest with respect to this question.” Senators Billig and Keiser spoke in favor of passage of the bill.