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SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move adoption of the amendments. Have I distributed those? The amendments that are distributed let me generally indicate that 267 is might be referred to as the full disclosure bill on campaign expenses. It does not carry limitations as did 310 but what it does require a candidate or his campaign committee rather to fully indicate their total receipts as well as each expenditure which is made. The penalty in the bill is a severe one and as been frequently pointed out it is very difficult to control expenditures or receipts for campaigns as to what may go on and it seems to me that it is the only real control that you can have, is one of a severe penalty which is included in this case the candidate is not accurately reporting the penalty is that he can not take office or if it comes to attention after he has been sworn into office he is then removed. Also under our present law, while we have operated under the present statutes, the practice act for many years it is an old act that has not had very amendments there is much in it that is obsolete for example in the early sections of it it prohibits the giving of any drink or refreshment in the process of campaigning almost directly conflict with the coffees that are rather common method of campaigning as know it today. I also want to say that as I go through the bill that I had indicated an interest or was working on this last summer and in the process I stopped at the Secretary of State's office and he had been doing some work and much of the initial work as the bill is presented is material that he had put together which I then excepted or rejected it as a part of the bill to be introduced. I want to point out to you that the first 17 sections are essentially only covering the reporting. The sections of the bill from then on I would take up each one seperately because I am sure that some of them will be highly controversial. I also want to point out that whatever I may say on this bill there is not intended or implied any reflection on any past campaign by any individual in the state and I will attempt not to refer at any time to any of these things or a...a...nor are any of these proposals as result of something that may or may not have occurred in past campaigns as far as I am concerned. Now to go very briefly through the bill, and then briefly through the amendments. 267 section one the definition section and it identifies those candidates which would come under the act whose all state wide officers would include cities with home rule charters, members of the legislature, state board of education, university of Nebraska regents, and it would also include directors of public power districts which gross more than 40 million dollars annually which essentially would be NPPD and the Omaha Public Power District. The balance of the definition in the act would include an election and in this case it is all elections, primary, special or general elections as well as any meeting by party in which they are choosing a nominee. As you know occasionally because of vacancies this too occurs. The definition as to what constitutes a political party, the definition as to what constitutes receiving and so forth contributions a they are contributions itself are defined the word person is all inclusive as it is used in the act it will include corporations, partnerships or individuals. Now under the first amendment I want to point out section 7 and 8 subsection rather of section 1, 7 and 8 are bills or sections which refer to limitations on expenditures. Originally when I had the bill drafted I had considered putting limitations on campaign expenditures and there are three sections that were in the bill that in striking that were in there because