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why the amendment is being offered. It is the section which is being stricken or proposed to be stricken is the one that would reduce then or restrict the any contribution up to a thousand dollars which is nothing but a reinstatement of what the law was in Nebraska up until the last session when we inadvertently took this portion out in 267 in the last days of the session. The status as I understand it now, Mr. Brennan of the AFL/CIO came to me a couple to three or four days ago with a proposed amendment because of his concern that primary to cope would be able to contribute more than a thousand dollars to any campaign or proposition as it was worded, because all organizations or committee were limited as such and they brought to me an amendment which would have permitted them to do what they wanted to do but it would have also resulted that any two people could have gone together and called themselves a good government committee or any such name and then successfully circumvented the thousand dollar limitation. I'm personally opposed to the removal of the thousand dollar limitation. I think that it is not an unreasonable thing and these organizations such as the Methodist Church that Senator Fellman mentioned, there would be nothing that would prohibit each church in each community to contribute up to a thousand dollars it would be through the state organizations, could not control it but the local church or whatever the group might be locally could contribute that thousand dollars to the campaign or for whatever purpose. I also understand that unless this is corrected there will be an attempt to kill the whole bill, and there are parts of the bill relative to reporting which I think are important and you will have to vote as you see fit on the amendment, I would suspect that there would be attempts to kill it if it is not adopted to....I would also would then vote to stay with the bill and pass it is a...a...as it presently stands.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron, did you want to be heard on this issue? Senator Waldron is passing. Senator Schmit, YOU ARE passing, fine, Senator Chambers, over to you. We are still debating the specific amendment to 877 on Select File. That amendment only.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll be brief. I have a couple of observations to make. With all of the efforts to do something about cleaning up politics Senator Fellman is right when he says that this may not be the proper place to attack this problem. He mentioned large contributions. There is a way to get around a restriction on that as was demonstrated by the Watergate situation. He mentioned a limit on spending, there is a way to get around that by having other people do the spending. There is a way around any provision that a legislature would enact. The Internal Revenue Code is an example of how thick a law emerges when there is an attempt to cut off every avenue that a crook may choose to follow to cheat on his taxes. There are still loup holes built into the tax code. When it comes to a situation of dealing with politics as a matter of ethics has to be considered. If you have unethical people, there is not a possible way to build walls high enough or thick enough or sink in deep enough into the ground to keep a truly unethical person from even getting around the provision that is enacted. So I think that it might be good in this bill to declare a policy of the state, that too much money is being spend on campaigns and too much money is being given by special interest groups to candidates in certain issues and based on what Senator Fellman has stated, and I think correctly issues are purchased