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SENATOR NORE: Senator Warner, in my district, which is Platte and Nance counties. We had a young man, a very fine gentleman, thirty five years old, works 80 hours a week in his business. He went over to the court house and decided to file for county...for City council of Columbus. While he was there I understand he decided to file for Legislature. Now is this illegal under this bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Not in any way that I could see, Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Does he have to have some kind of a public announcement in advance?

SENATOR WARNER: No, you misunderstand that the language does not require you to announce that you are going to become a candidate. All that it would require is if you have indicated that you are going to, and if you are accepting contributions then you would be are...required to report those contributions. That's all. See, one of the ways to get around the law as it now stands is if you accept all kinds of contributions ahead of these times you file, and if you spend them and use them. They aren't reported, and it seems to me that it's appropriate that any contribution that you receive at any time ought to be public knowledge.

SENATOR NORE: Well, I probably don't understand that, because I have never in my political accepted any contributions. Not one red cent. So, I'm not very familiar with contributions.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion now of the motion. Senator Syas, do you care to close on your motion. All right, now Senator Syas is closing on his motion to return 877 to Select File. And that is to strike the enacting clause.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, first I'd like to help, the way I interpret the bill, I'd like to help Senator Nore out, I don't think Senator Warner gave him a correct answer. Your phone is ringing. I think in that particular case, if this person had announced he was going to file for his council and went over and filed for the Legislature, which I think is his American right to do. He would have been in violation, and probably could end up under this bill in jail. Now, that's the way I look at it. And I don't think that the contributions has anything to do with it. Now, I think Senator Chambers had a good point. He said something about being a governor and now but, he hasn't actually filed, so he hasn't been able to get in on the free TV time. Which I guess the rest of them have, at least that's what he said. And I think that in this particular case you are going to put the TV's in quite a spot. As he so ably brought up, a person that was running like as one fellow, just for publicity and not serious. Of course, he could run around and get, and probably announce he was going to file for all of them and get on all shows, and of course then when it comes when he didn't file for only one or none, of course then he would go to jail. Maybe he should in that case. But that's a ridiculous situation. Now we'll take, County Commissioner Cavanaugh. Jack Cavanaugh. Personally, I think he had the greatest intention of refiling for reelection at the time he announced he was going to file, and I think he probably had the greatest intentions when he had the fund raising situation where he raised for his campaign. He was probably sincere up to that time. Then he changed his