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tion. I think it is only fair to the present lobbyists that we include everybody in the lobbying effort and this does not apply only to the National Right to Work Committee. It applies to anyone that spends over \$1,000 to affect a political issue. I am not asking you to vote for or against LB 369. This is only one of the rationales that makes an amendment like this necessary. I am asking you to vote for an amendment that will capture those persons, including all organizations, that expend over \$1,000 to affect political issues in the state. I think at this point we will at least approach an honest and sincere effort to make our accountability act or sunshine provision a true sunshine provision rather than a masquerade covering only the little people and letting the very strongest business interests out. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now speaking to the issue, Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak to the Burrows...and then Senator Koch and then Senator Murphy. Those are the lights that I have on.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do not object to Senator Burrows' amendment and the content of the amendment but I believe that that should perhaps be attached to another piece of legislation which does change the lobbying statutes. This particular piece of legislation affects only the organization of the commission and so for that reason I would think that we should not adopt Senator Burrows' amendments. In addition to that, I would point out that Senator Hoagland is working on some language that would do substantially the same thing for another piece of legislation and I think the benefit of having that additional time to work it out, I think that would be beneficial and I think we should wait for it. So at this particular point in time I would oppose Senator Burrows' amendment but I would make it clear I support his concept and I will vote for a refined amendment on another sunshine bill which will be coming forward.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, those are basically my concerns. 162 deals with lobbying in its totality and I agree with Senator Burrows, what he is trying to do but I believe putting it on 54 is not the proper place. If we are going to deal with lobbying and whether it is domestic or foreign and reporting then I think it would be wise for us to put it in 162 and I would hope that Senator