

problem with this amendment. If there is a big problem with it, then I would like to have it not go on the bill because we have a good bill and we will see what happens then. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I guess I would just like to have someone explain the amendment a little bit in greater detail. I am sorry I was not here earlier. It has been my experience that most of the accountability procedures that we have adopted have been just simply some sort of a ruse by which it forces people to go underground and I don't think you are ever going to get around the basic fact of life that I don't think anyone has ever been dissuaded. If he is going to be dishonest you can pass any kind of a law you want to and they are going to find some way around it, and I think what you are probably going to do is to make the accountability law complicated enough that the ordinary business man, professional man, is going to say, nuts with the whole process. I would like to ask Senator Hoagland why the language is necessary under the present bill. Could you tell me that, Senator Hoagland?

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, for example, I haven't had the privilege of having any of these funds so far but I just would like to know if, you know, my travel to and from my home to the place of business here, including the travel to the farm, would that be considered an ordinary expense, or would it not?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Say that again, Senator Schmit...your travel from the farm to Lincoln?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, from my home to Lincoln and if I stop off at the farm is that considered to be necessary expense involved with my business?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, as much as that travel is connected with your duties as an officeholder, I think as much of that gas as you use to get from your home down to Lincoln to pursue your duties as an officeholder, it is okay.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But what if I have to, you know, today...I filled up my car last night. It cost \$28.70. It used to be I traveled back and forth on about \$3.00 worth of gas.