

SENATOR KREMER: A question of Senator Hoagland, please. Senator Hoagland, do you consider funds that have been raised through a campaign for reelection and surplus funds of that nature would be one and the same as those that would be solicited after you are elected, and solicit funds for running your office.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, the way the statute is currently written, Senator Kremer, those funds go under the same candidate committee. Any surplus funds left over from your campaign, or any other kind of fund raisers that have been taking place recently go under the same candidate committee.

SENATOR KREMER: It would be one and the same thing.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: One and the same thing the way it is currently organized.

SENATOR KREMER: Now I would like to pursue another...with another question. Let me use this for an example, you have been reelected, I have been reelected, and I get a telephone call, a certain group, livestock feeders, we are having a convention, we would like to have you come over and explain the bills that are up before this session. Is that considered an office responsibility?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: In my opinion it definitely would be, Senator Kremer. That would be...

SENATOR KREMER: In your opinion it would be.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: That would be the kind of expense that you could charge against this account.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, a question of Senator Hoagland.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland, will you respond?

SENATOR LAMB: On page 17, is not the gist of your amendment already in the white copy? At the top of page 17 where it says, "defray any ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in connection with his or her duties as an officeholder". Is that not substantially the same as any, in your amendment, other than to defray ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in connection with duties as an officeholder?