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SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, the problem is that that is qualified by the proviso, Senator Lamb, that is contained on lines 3 through 7, and do you see there where on page 5 it says...or on line 5 it says that those funds can also be used for any other lawful purpose. Do you see that?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, but up there in line 2 in connection with his duties as an officeholder, I think that is exactly the same language you have in your amendment, toward the end of your amendment.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: It is the same language, but it goes on to say, provided those funds can be used for any other lawful purpose. Do you see that?

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I would like to have a word with Senator Hoagland, if I could. Could I? The question that is buzzing around here in our area is, is this loosening the controls or broadening them?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: It is tightening the controls, Senator Kahle. The way the language currently reads in section 17, there is no limit whatsoever on how campaign funds can be used once the election is over, and what this amendment is attempting to say is that it cannot be used for personal... solely for personal reasons, but they can be used for expenses incurred in connection with one's duties as an officeholder. So it is tightening...it is limiting it down to that use.

SENATOR KAHLE: But there is no set rule as to what is legislative work and what isn't, is there?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, and we will have to take that on a case by case basis and I am the first to admit that this language is somewhat vague, but I think it is the best we can do under the circumstances.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, I guess it bothers me a little this what we are trying to do. If I go to, let's say, Minden, Nebraska which is fourteen miles from my home and pay my taxes, and I also contact four or five people about legislation, is that legal?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Excuse me, Senator Kahle.