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PRESIDENT: There will be time for response.

SENATOR NEWELL: There are questions, the fact that Mr. Daub was not as frank as I think he ought to have been and this committee deserves to be and this legislative body ought to have that record clear. It ought to be answered fully, it ought to be answered frankly and it ought to have been answered honestly. Mr. Daub indicated that the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress is not supporting him. Now the fact is the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress does not in any way disclaim the fact that they are supporting him. They made it very clear that they are supporting Mr. Daub. It is very hard for me to understand that this political committee which supported Mr. Daub two years earlier with considerable contributions, who provided campaign support for Mr. Daub, who Mr. Daub attended their campaign schools, two years later were not, had not indicated to Mr. Daub that they were supporting him. That seems to be a tremendous contradiction. Yet those were Mr. Daub's statements. Mr. Daub also would not indicate whether or not he felt this was a reprehensible act in such a manner that he would not accept the kind of support from this committee. He denies that they are supporting him. Now the committee agrees that they are supporting him and so forth.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I think that is a major issue and that is one that we need to address here. I think that Mr. Daub can and should publicly deal with this whole question. He ought to answer these questions, he ought to be forthright with the public and if he does that then I might be able to support him, but I can not support Mr. Daub if he continues to evade the question. If he continues to indicate that the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress does not support people in the primary and therefore he is not being supported in the primary, when in fact two years earlier he was supported in the primary, and the campaign records show that clearly. For Mr. Daub to say that to the committee and to indicate that in many ways is clearly a contradiction. It is clearly wrong. Because of the problems that we had at the hearing I was unable to ask Mr. Daub a number of key questions that I thought were related to this whole matter and also related to the question of serving directly on the committee. That was since Mr. Daub was heavily financed in the last election by oil interests what influence might they have on his decisions and his activities on that Environmental Council. Those issues, I never had a chance to ask those questions because the hearing was short and brief and it was a very turbulent time. With that I urge the rejection of the Daub appointment at this time