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Senator Cope had some real problems...Senator Cope had some real problems with this whole issue of dissolution of not only the Candidates' Committee but also what you could use the dollars for. So, basically, we are doing away with the whole question of dissolving the committee. We are taking away the dissolution of the committee's funds. We are striking definitions of lobbyists, and we are striking a section that permitted the committee expenditures for running the candidate's office, which Senator DeCamp was most interested in, and lastly, we are striking the section on anonymous contributions of over \$25.00. So what, in fact, we are doing with these amendments is we are going back to the ever so original proposal of just straightening out the statutes. Now what this bill will do, it will clarify the statutes but in the end we will still have to deal with these issues, but the decision is to deal with these issues next session and to deal with them over a period of time when we can resolve how you dissolve a political committee's contributions. Try to more clearly define what it will be, what expenses are acceptable in running a candidate's office, and that basically is what it will do. But we will put those tough and weighty decisions off until next year. With that, I urge the amendment. The amendment strikes a number of sections which became controversial during the course of the debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan. Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Okay. Shall debate cease? Okay, record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. Senator Newell, are you going to close?

SENATOR NEWELL: No.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Who is going to close?

SENATOR NEWELL: I don't think we need a closing. I think I have explained the bill. It basically strikes sections. That's all it does. It takes the controversial matter out. That's the closing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the....say it again, Pat....the Newell, Hoagland, Barrett amendment to LB 535.