

PRESIDENT: Your time is expiring.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...and I would hope that people will respond accordingly. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas, I have you down for a second time. Do you wish to speak? Senator Warner, do you wish to speak again? Senator Jerome Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, a couple, three things have been said that I want to comment on. It has been suggested that some of the most outstanding farm organizations, that are successful in Washington, lobby, such as the milk group. Well, I had an amendment written, on my desk the other day, for LB 60 and if it is revised, I am sure as the world going to fight hard for it because that amendment would also strike the restriction on political campaigns. And if you ever looked at congressional contributions, one of the largest, one of the largest contributions is the milk group. Now if you want to be effective lobbying, we all know, we hear it all the time, the people that are effective lobbyists are the ones that contribute to campaigns, and, by damn, if you are going to force me to pay to lobby, then, by damn, I want that to be the most effective and that means you contributed to the campaign because you obviously have a more sympathetic ear. That is where you are headed. Don't kid yourself. Now if you use the arguments that local government has lobbyists and state government has lobbyists, and that is a parallel with the private sector, you are blowing smoke. I just thought of that as I...Senator Schmit. You are blowing smoke if you try to make a comparison between the private sector and government. There is no comparison. You are forcing an individual private business to pay money to lobby on something that they may or may not agree with and that is an extremely basic policy that if you pass this bill, you are violating. And I don't think you want to do it. Regardless of how much you think the merit may be, the purpose, the means does not justify the end. The means hardly ever justify the end and most certainly the means do not justify the end here. I would hope you would leave this bill dead. Many of you have indicated, well, if this was done and that was done and this was done, then lobbying wouldn't be so bad. Well, let me tell you, you better get those things done first before you