

ballot in 1984, and he had in fact voted in another district. So in order to bring it to the public's attention, and because I believed the Accountability Commission would do something about it, I then filed a complaint when he was running against another individual. All the Accountability Commission had to do was check with the Omaha post office as to how much money he spent on postage. They had a copy, for me, of the letter he sent to the political action committees asking them to send him money because he was so vigorously campaigning that that very week he was sending out thousands, and thousands of brochures. I maintain that is trying to obtain money under fraudulent circumstances. My point is he lied to the political action committees. I was dismayed when I found out that, while he was campaigning for city council, the Accountability Commission dropped all investigation of my complaint, which I did not make while he was running against me but when he was running for city council. It took only a letter to the post office to determine that he never did send out those brochures that month.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So what did the Accountability Commission do to him? They allowed him to file an amended report, no fine. He wasn't guilty of anything, and that is why I voted for the DeCamp amendment. I hate to say this because the director of the Accountability Commission I consider a personal friend, and I don't hold her responsible for the people in her department, but I think it is a joke when you have that kind of evidence of an actual fraudulent act, an out and out lie, and the man didn't even get a \$25 fine but, what was worse, the public was never made aware, never, of what he tried. He came back with a lame excuse about his not living there 10 years saying, well, I didn't say I'd lived there 10 years continuously, although he said it in all of his ads about the Paxton Manor. But, because he never said continuously, they said well, disregard that.

PRESIDENT: Senator, your time is expired.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I urge...I'm not going to vote for the Beutler amendment for this reason.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.