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the small person from being able to contribute money to a person's campaign fund, and therefore I would ask that LB614 be returned to Select File to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SNEATOR SYAS: Well, I talked to Senator Carpenter about that, and of course he encourage me to in all fairness to amend. And of course I'm speaking now only on the way the bill is presently written. I go along with Senator Barnett that there may be some amendments that could make this bill acceptable. But right at the moment, the way it's written it's unacceptable to me in the fact, that I think we should encourage participation in politics by the general public. And I know that I'm acquainted with..under this bill the way I read it. If you went to sell tickets to say some function for Carpenter for Lt. Governor, or Syas or whatever it may be you'd have to get a check to pay for the ticket. Well you can just picture that the average person is not going to buy..he might buy your ticket, say it's \$5 or \$10 something like that, but a lot of them aren't going to write a check

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Now I happen to know two of places of business where this is on the Democate side where they go around almost every year probably every year and they ask each fellow for a dollar or two for a political activity, and I can't picture the men in that particular case writing out a check for \$1 or \$2 when the check probably costs them a dime to write. They will put in there \$1 all right, or \$2, and sometimes it amounts to \$200 and \$200 and 99% of it goes to the Democartes. And I suppose that I shouldn't be bringing up since I am on the other side of the political fence, but in all fairness I think, can you -picture a person giving a dollar and writing a check for it. I think we can go way too far on cash. Now as I say, I'm talking about the present bill. I've had Senators contact me and say they are going to amend the bill. Well if they can amend it that makes a different ball game. But right now in the present bill, I certainly voted against it coming off of general file. And I would have to vote against it, today.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Senator Barnett, yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett yield to a question.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'll sure try.

SENATOR BARNETT: Do you intend to propose an amendment to this, or just to kill the bill.

SENATOR BARNETT: No, I intend to kill the bill. I understood there were other people to amend it, so this gives them the opportunity to amend we would go on the killing. But if they don't why....