

candidate is going to look rightfully at how that person, how that candidate stands on teachers' issues, on the narrow band of all the issues that have to do with teachers. How are they on state aid? How are they on teachers' certification? How are they on the probationary period? But an individual teacher is a person, an individual with a broad range of interests, far beyond their teaching interests. You know they have an interest in the abortion issue and in the capital punishment issue and in all the moral issues we deal with here and with a lot of other economic issues, general tax issues. So maybe a teacher as an individual wouldn't vote for the person who was slightly stronger on education issues. Maybe they would prefer another candidate but they don't have that choice really because they have already contributed their money to the association and the association is going to look strictly at the teaching area and that I feel is the whole danger and the whole problem with this development in our society of allowing associations and large groups to contribute on behalf of the individual, that the candidate who receives the money really no longer logically necessarily reflects how individual members of that association may truly feel on the whole broad range of topics but rather it reflects how the association, merely how the association feels on the candidate's performance in one narrow area and I think this is a dangerous and unhappy development.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, then Senator Kelly and then Senator Cope.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to bringing the bill out of committee and I want to say at the outset that I think that the people who organized the pack committees did so as a result of some of the legislation that was passed by well meaning persons in this body in an attempt to control campaign contributions. I want to tell you very frankly that I probably received more publicity for the ability to raise campaign funds than anybody else in this Legislature. I want to point out also most of it was bad. I want to point out that I get a little tired of people talking about special interests. At one time or another a long time before most of the people in this body were members of this body, I introduced what I think was the first consumer legislation ever passed into law in the State of Nebraska. It established the office of the ombudsman and most of you don't know it even exists. None of you probably who have