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be coming up on the desk by Senator Chambers and listen to what you think your constituents might say rather than Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak to your amendment? Do you want the Clerk to read it first?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is what I will do if there are no other lights on on the bill itself.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit's light, Senator Schmit, did you wish to talk on the bill again?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would like to speak but I will wait and listen for Senator Chambers amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Clerk can read the amendment then.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers moves to amend: Read Chambers amendment as shown on page 1130, Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, so that you will know what portion I am dealing with, I am not bothering section 2 which is new matter. That will remain in the bill. My amendment deals with the first page of the white sheet attached to your bill. The language which would be reinstated is "any campaign conducted by any candidate for public office", that would be reinstated. The language following which is underlined would be stricken. Then there is a proviso which would make it clear that the person could campaign for himself or herself so that this law will not be viewed as prohibiting a person who serves as a sheriff or a deputy from running for political office. Now, Senator Venditte is one of those kind of people who on an issue close to his heart will stand up with a scatter gun approach and just say you know where Senator Chambers lies on this issue. Well, I don't think Senator Venditte knows where I "lie on this issue", and a lot of you in the Legislature don't know if you are as thoughtless and mindless as Senator Venditte's comment would indicate. I have been approached by the State Patrol to sponsor legislation, by the UNL police force to sponsor legislation which I have done, and I have participated in helping to upgrade, Senator Venditte, the status of so-called special deputies which had the approval of law enforcement officials because these guys were running around playing like cops but you probably would have gone for them because they could wear uniform and wear a badge and pistols and play like they are police officers. So I think you have to consider the source of some of these comments, view our respective