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some of the sections, yes, would go into effect, would be important for the coming elections...for instance, the sections that completely redefine what a political action committee is. The current provisions on political action committees are a mess, and it is important to straighten that out.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Senator Hoagland, I guess the concern I have, and I am not trying to be picky about it, but if you have got candidates and candidate organizations and political action now, and you go through the primary with one set of rules and you come back through the general with another, this is chaotic enough...this is chaotic enough without having to go back and redo all that. Now I am not going to argue that it is necessary or not, but I am going to ask to put a specific amendment on and make it effective January 1, 1981, at least....January 2, or whatever you want it. I think that will be extremely confusing.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, let me say two things, Senator Lewis. Number one, it is not going to require anything be redone. It is not going to make anything confusing. Number two, from my point of view I would have no objection to an amendment making it go into effect January 1st of '81, but I can only speak for myself on that issue.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I agree with Senator Lewis. I think it is impossible to change the rules in the middle of the ball game. We do that all the time, I know, but in this kind of an instance we are talking about various candidates. We are talking about races. We are talking about penalties for failure to comply with the laws that this Legislature enacts. And there are many candidates, including myself and many others who have already filed and who are involved in a campaign. Some of them have committees. Some of them have raised funds. Some of them have expended funds, and if in a few days we pass a bill that changes those rules I think it is inexcusable that we do that. Now if Senator Hoagland wants to delay the enactment date until next year, that may be one acceptable solution. A better solution might be to delay the enactment of the bill until January of 1981 when it can be considered in its entirety and it can be reviewed in the normal legislative process and then at that time perhaps those sections which he describes as substantive are going to be dealt with in the manner in which