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And, again, these are provisions that have been thought through and have been carefully worked over for about fourteen months now. They are clarifications and they are redrafts that are essentially very good and make it a lot better bill. So what we are trying to do is suggest we come back and strike the kind of provisions Senator Nichol is talking about, section 17, postpone dealing with those issues, and get the ones done that we are confident in and we know are right.

SENATOR RUMERY: Senator Hoagland, what will be the advantage for the people of Nebraska if we do this?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, it will make the disclosure act work a lot better, Senator Rumery. For instance, section 1 changes the definition of a candidate and it is really important to get that definition changed so it is more workable. Section 18, I believe it is, changes the definition of a political action committee, rewrites those sections. And it is important to make the act work more smoothly so that all the various political action committees and corporations and unions that contribute to candidates have a clear understanding of what the law is. This does clarify it considerably.

SENATOR RUMERY: One other question, Senator. Have there been some wrongs that candidates have been engaged in as they went into these elections and have the reports been questionable and what I am trying to find out is, what will we have if we just leave it like it is?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: If we leave it like it is, Senator Rumery, we are going to continue to have a number of sections of the statute that are ambiguous, that are not written....

PRESIDENT: There is so much noise that we can't hear anything.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: We are going to continue to have a number of sections that are ambiguous that can't be interpreted very clearly. We are going to continue to have a statute that in some respects people can't understand and follow very easily.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is Speaker Marvel here? I think he wanted the floor. If not, we will go....Senator Newell, Speaker Marvel is not here right this moment. Why don't you....you might bring some of these things together if you could.