

list and we could have said that this and that and that are specifically for campaign expenditure purposes and these over here on the other side are not campaign expenditures but are personal uses of the funds. But if we had chosen to do that then we would have had a list in the statute that would have been ridiculous in length and it would have taken us days and days on this legislative floor to sort through in the proper manner each and every possible situation that could come up. The other extreme, the other thing we could have done was to say, forget about the laundry list, we will state the general principle. There will be no expenditures for personal uses, period, and then we would let the Accountability Commission, acting in conjunction and with the oversight of the Nebraska Supreme Court, the court system as always, go through the specific situations and define what is personal use and what is not personal use. Okay, that has the obvious drawback of avoiding, from our point of view, some specific situations that we did want to address and put into the statute. So what we have done is come up with a compromise solution. We made the broad general statement, the funds shall be used only for directly influencing campaigns and that they shall not be used for personal expenditures. Those are the general principles. Obviously principles like most other principles that need some refinement in definition by one means or another. We've then proceeded to set out on page 3 of the bill, in Section 4, some specific situations where we wanted to say that no campaign funds shall be used for those specific purposes, some of the big areas, some of the more obvious areas, and we set out eight different areas and then we stopped as far as the laundry list is concerned. The obvious question that is going to come up is, how is the law going to deal with additional specific situations that are not specifically addressed in the statute and the process will be a process that we relied upon traditionally in the law in many, many other areas. We set out a general principle. We set out some specifics with regard to further specifics and refinements. Each and every person who is concerned about a specific situation can request an opinion from the Accountability Commission. You can go directly to them with your facts situation and request in advance, is this a personal expenditure or is it not? What is your opinion? And they will give you an opinion and you by law can rely upon that opinion. Now, it may well be that at some future point in time the Accountability Commission will make a decision with regard to a specific situation that a majority of the people in this Legislature may not agree with. That is always an obvious possibility or the court could interpret and overrule the Accountability Commission and insist on an interpretation of the statute