

typewriter for their next campaign which might not be too far off. So some senators say this bill is too specific and yet I say these are some glaring things that have been left out, paying your family out of your campaign funds. Why limit it to medicine and medical bills? I think I will support Senator Fenner's motion to kill and if that fails then I will support Senator DeCamp's amendment. Thank you, sir.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I do think we ought to be straightforward with the public and I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wesely, would you respond, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, you indicated that if campaign funds are spent in a certain way it is next to bribery. Well I will ask the question that seems unaskable. What is wrong with bribery? Seriously. By whatever name you call it, if you get something of value and the intent is to influence what you do that is bribery. Campaign contributions serve that purpose no matter how the money is spent, whether it is bumper stickers, yard signs or whatever. So what is wrong with bribery and why shouldn't we let people openly do it?

SENATOR WESELY: Bribery is wrong for the public process. It's place is nowhere...well first off, I am against bribery, you know, period but when we talk about the public process and the fact that we represent the general public and to have our decisions based on private gain, I think is absolutely wrong. There is no justification for it and the reason is just basically we are here as protectors of the general public in the public trust. That is our role and for us not to protect the public trust as a result of private gain I think is violating our constitutional responsibilities and that is why it is prohibited and that is why I think we ought to limit our campaign contributions because they come so close to that fine line that I think is drawn where we cannot step over and should not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I have your opinion about bribery but I have to disagree with you. There is not a great amount of regard that people have for politicians anyway and no matter what kind of bill is passed people feel that the clever, cunning politician will circumvent it and if he or she is not clever or cunning, he or she will be openly dishonest or sneakily dishonest but will get caught. Now here is what I am suggesting. If we would