

legalize any expenditure for money, by doing so you eliminate any criminal conduct by a politician in the handling of funds. There could be no Abseam. Congress would not be sullied before the eyes of the world at this point and why make it illegal when all you have to do is take the same amount of money, approach the same person with the same goal in mind but call it a campaign contribution? And if you call it that the politician can still stuff it up his sleeves and in his coat and in his shoes and in his pockets, in his briefcase, in his lunch sack and everywhere else and nobody thinks anything is wrong with it. Now we did a similar thing by legalizing what Falstaff has done. Why should we raise everybody to a higher level than the senators? I mentioned the football players and the coaches. Now I will bring it to the brewer who is selling one of the most abused drugs in this society and the Legislature and the Governor and others scramble to legalize what had been declared an illegal activity and that bothered nobody's conscience. So why, when it comes to the senators themselves are you going to hesitate and balk and put on a front of being opposed to certain things when, in fact, that opposition does not exist at all? Now I have an amendment up there on the chance that the kill motion does not succeed and even if Senator DeCamp's lengthy amendment is adopted I will still offer mine and I can tell you what it does, Senator Wesely, so that we won't have even the appearance of bribery. It says that no candidate for any office can accept any contribution from any person and person will have the definition in the statute of corporations, organizations or whatnot, cannot accept any contribution from any person for any purpose in connection with obtaining a political office and the maximum that can be spent by any candidate for any office is \$250. That way you up the money out of your pocket if you are going to spend anything. It is not out of the reach of anybody who is serious and it will compel that candidate and those who support him or her to show that support, not in terms of buying advertisements or buying votes but through the art of persuasion and support of the issues that that candidate stands for. Now some of what I am saying may sound facetious but it is not because remember this. I am addressing my words to practices that occur right now. Even with this bill, if it were passed, the same things could occur. So in the quest for being completely honest and straightforward with the public, rather than try to prohibit this item and that item, eliminate all of that by allowing money to be received from anybody for any purpose and spent as the candidate sees fit and if what I am hearing from various senators is true and that the public is outraged, they know how to deal with such an individual. Now let's say....

SENATOR NICHOL: Your time is up but you may finish the sentence, Senator Chambers.