

contributions and not bribes. Senator Chambers made some interesting arguments. He talked about bribery and those kinds of things but I would like to just read briefly what bribery means. "Bribe: anything offered or given to someone in a position of trust to induce him to act dishonestly. To give, offer a bribe." The connotation of a bribery is to encourage some sort of illegal or dishonest action and so Senator Chambers was not using the word "bribery" in its proper context. Senator Chambers has to realize that frankly the function of campaignings require communication, require campaign dollars and unfortunately we do not have public financing which I think would be a very positive thing. Unfortunately we have allowed and we have tried to put some limitations on raising these dollars that we use in campaigns and now we are trying to specify that these dollars can only be used in campaigns and I think that is a legitimate need, legitimate legislative intent. I think it is important for us to remember that the public would like, the public demands, in fact, that we be not as pure as Caesar's wife but at least very honest and very up front, report and disclose. That is why we have this law. The attempts that I have heard to scuttle or change it and so forth really are not well thought out and have not been floated with any great seriousness before the public.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR NEWELL: In fact, that is exactly what I think we must remember is that there is a public that cares. They don't always write, they don't always talk but if there was a bill to do to, in fact, say we do not want to continue with the political disclosure commission that we have today, I think we would find large numbers of the people of this state coming before us and saying that it is important, that it must be maintained and they would also argue as they did at the public hearing that we need to put some restrictions on how we use campaign funds so that the public can be sure that we use those campaign funds for campaigns and not for personal use. I would urge this body to reject the kill motion. I think this bill is a good one. I think it is beneficial and it needs our attention and passage.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up and the time is up generally and there are one, two, three, four speakers who have not spoken so we are now out of time. Do you want to make a motion to recess, Senator Landis? Yes, sir.

SENATOR LANDIS: I move to recess until one-thirty this afternoon.