

body. I think a lot of us were flabbergasted because a lot of us don't believe that that is correct or proper. We told our friends we did not do it. We told our constituents that we did not engage in those practices but we were all painted with the same tar brush and many people out there, I think, were led to believe that this is a practice that all of us engage in. I got a lot of cracks myself, "a pretty cushy job you've got down there in the Legislature," "a \$30,000 a year salary and most of it tax free." But most important, what was the reaction outside the body? What was the reaction of people outside the Legislature? Well, I think it is safe to say and it is fair to characterize that as outrage.

SENATOR KAHLE: You have one minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now, Mr. President, I would like consent to extend the time limits a little bit because I have some remarks here that I am only about halfway through. Now Common Cause wrote a scathing article in the Omaha World Herald and the response of our colleague was a threat to sue. The Accountability and Disclosure Commission conducted a special televised hearing on the matter and our colleague essentially based his defense on the theory that "all of life is a campaign" so home mortgage payments, personal medical bills and the like are legitimate campaign expenses because all of life after all is a campaign. He came up with other lame excuses like he knew the fund raiser would generate a lot of adverse publicity and publicity is the name of the game in getting re-elected and the publicity was more valuable he said than yard signs and billboards so it really was a good campaign device.

SENATOR KAHLE: Your time is up.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well I would like unanimous consent if I might, Mr. President, to continue so I can finish these remarks.

SENATOR KAHLE: Is there any objection? If not...

SENATOR HOAGLAND: And I will be as brief as I can. Thank you, Mr. President. Now, our colleague also used the lame excuse that he was simply pointing out a loophole in the accountability and disclosure laws which permitted this to happen. Now another of our colleagues who is a leader in the Omaha delegation quipped at that time, "Why couldn't he have pointed out a loophole with a hundred ninety dollar fund raiser or an eighteen hundred dollar fund raiser? Why did he have to point out a loophole with a nineteen thousand dollar fund raiser and keep all of it?" Well,