

bring itself to reckon with its failures to be representative of the peoples of England until finally today, Parliamentarians are well compensated. Rotten burroughs no longer exist. No persons are disenfranchised. And I was struck by the fact that we are at a little moment of history in our own legislative development, much more modest I submit than that which occurred over the eight hundred year time period for the development of Parliament in England but we are at a point, we are simply speaking. We are prepared to say to the voters in this state, we are not going to tolerate the use of campaign monies for personal gain. It can't be done. Campaign monies have got to be used for campaign purposes and that is it, notwithstanding the fact that you, Mr. and Mrs. Voter have decided that we should not have any significant increase in our own earnings. We are prepared to tough it out. We are prepared to endure on a low income and to continue to submit to the people of this state, constitutional amendment after constitutional amendment, because we know that is right and we know that in the end reasonable minds will prevail. But simply because, simply because we become exasperated with the kind of low wages that we earn and with the kind of negative effect that has on our being a fully representative body, does not mean that we should turn our back to what clearly is a major legislative problem which simply is the use of campaign funds for personal gain. Now I think that we are engaged in a long and continuing struggle to keep representative democracy, representative. And that means very simply that it is important for us to deal with the kind of legislation that Senators Beutler and Wesely have given to us to deal with it responsibly, to defeat the kill motion and to go on and pass a bill which says simply, campaign money is to be used for campaign purposes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Higgins, you are next.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, Senators, I spoke the other day about this bill and I referred to an exsenator's accountability report. I was courteous enough that I didn't mention his name because I didn't want to embarrass him but I am going to tell you a story now that happened to me, not after I was elected but after I was appointed by Governor Thone to fill out Senator Powers term. It was between December 7 and January 7 that I was sworn in the second time. I received a phone call from a senator who asked me if I knew about this accountability report and I said, yes, I had been filling them out all along. And he said, you know it has got loopholes and it needs to be tightened up and he said, you probably have been reading in the paper about a certain senator that has really abused the law and at that time I had not met Senator DeCamp. He did not mean anything to me. I had read about him but I had never met him. So, I told this