

senator, I said, "Well, what I have been able to read in the World Herald is what he did was legal." And the senator said, "Yes, it was legal, Marj, but it was unethical. It was immoral. He stayed within the law but he wasn't ethical." And I said, "If you look at my accountability report you will see where most of my funds came from, from my husband's and my own savings." And he said, "Well, Marj, did you end up short at the end of your campaign?" I said, "Yes, a couple of thousand dollars." "Well," he said, "You are a state senator now. There are ways to make up that loss." Well I am a green freshman senator but I am not green in politics and I am sure what the senator was suggesting to me was going to be within the law, a nice little fund raiser, where all those who didn't support me would now have a chance to come and lay some money in the pot. Well, I haven't had such a fund raiser and I don't intend to and you can talk to several lobbyists down here who did not support me whom I have introduced bills for. Do you know what I hate about 134? Not just the fact that it was directed against one senator, but the hypocrisy of it, because the senator that called me and was telling me how unethical John DeCamp was, was insinuating to me that I could use my power now as a state senator to make everybody put some money in the pot for Marj Higgins and that senator was Peter Hoagland and I wish he were here now so he could stand up and deny it. And that is why I am so angry this morning. The hypocrisy of this bill, I would vote to kill it because it was never intended to really make politicians responsible. It was intended to chastise somebody. I am not going to say any more about it but if Peter Hoagland denies it, I just want you to know that all through the campaign he did the same thing. He would go and make a speech and tell the hostess he had to leave early and therefore, he couldn't stick around for questions. He made a speech this morning and he is not here now. That is all I have to say. I would vote against 134 and kill it unless John DeCamp wants to keep it alive and put some amendments on it that will really make politicians accountable. Thank you, senator.

SENATOR KAHLE: Before we go to the next speaker, in the North balcony from Senator Richard Peterson and Senator DeCamp's district are 10 students from the seventh to the twelfth grade and four adults from the Elkhorn Valley School at Tilden, Nebraska. Mrs. Doris Eyman and Mrs. Hella Bauer are teachers. They are in the North balcony. Welcome them to our Legislature. Senator Schmit, you are the next speaker.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Members of the Legislature, Senator Higgins had asked if she could have one minute of my time. If that is okay with you, it is okay with me.