

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, I forgot to add one thing. I am more than willing to take a lie detector test also.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the kill motion and I think you have got a good example here why the bill can either be killed or else it ought to be changed. I think we have pointed out time after time that the law does not apply across the board. You know it is always amazing to me and I pointed out several weeks ago when a group of people raised some money and a substantial amount of money to oppose a certain project and asked that the citizens contact their legislators and asked that they oppose this project and I asked the Accountability Commission if that came under the perusal of the Accountability Commission and I was told apparently it did not. So then I asked the question as to whether or not if I could organize a "Save the Dam" or the "Save Lorán Schmit's Hide Committee" or something such as that and raise funds and disperse them without having any accountability and there is a very real possibility that I could. I think there is something else that ought to be considered here. I think if you will take a good look at the bill as it presently stands, the attorneys have got loopholes in there for themselves you can drive a freight train through. The law does not apply equally to all of us. If you are in business, if you are a professional person, a doctor or a teacher, you've got to make certain accountability of your income, expenses, etc., your business contacts, all those things. If you are a lawyer you don't need to reveal your clients. I think Senator DeCamp's amendments provide for the correcting of that major loophole. If you leave the thing stand as it is, ladies and gentlemen, you are going to have forty-nine lawyers in this place and they are not going to be letting anyone know what happens. Now I'm not impugning the integrity of the present membership of this body but I am just saying that I think those attorney friends of ours who are so concerned about accountability ought to be the first to account for all of their own business activities. I don't think there is any doubt about it. Senator Dworak explained some time ago how he lost a contract for insurance and I think that we recognize that those people who do business with members of this Legislature sometimes do not like to be acknowledged of that, customer of a legislator and so as a result I am sure that Senator Hefner and many others in here who are in business can point out instances where their business has suffered because they don't like their clients or their customers don't want to have their name printed up there in the Accountability Commission as being a customer of Schmit or Hefner or Lamb or someone