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SENATOR KOCH: I am talking about their companies, yet they are a member of the Nebraska Commerce and Industry.

SENATOR MARSH: It means you may accept from packs no more than ten thousand dollars.

SENATOR KOCH: Well if they contribute to the pack, then they cannot contribute away from that pack. Is that right?

SENATOR MARSH: No, sir.

SENATOR KOCH: In other words, I can still contribute to the pack. The Nebraska Commerce and Industry can still put ten thousand dollars into the one year of campaign activity but if I have a lumber company, even though I contribute to the pack, I can still contribute up to ten thousand dollars into the campaign as well?

SENATOR MARSH: As an individual you may contribute.

SENATOR KOCH: But my company couldn't. Thank you. I think (inaudible) and I cannot support that. I think again, then you get back to the candidate. Some of us don't take any more than two hundred fifty dollars from any particular pack. Some of us take more but that depends upon how broad of support you have and to those people who have broad support this isn't a major problem but to some people when you are starting out you don't have broad support. I think it would limit you severely, particularly if you are serious about winning. I oppose the Marsh amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Rumery, do you wish to speak to the Marsh amendment?

SENATOR RUMERY: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Marsh a question or two.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, do you yield?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR RUMERY: Senator Marsh, what elected officials does this cover, the candidates for the U.S. Senate, the U.S. Congress, Governors, Legislatures? Does it include...?

SENATOR MARSH: It does not cover federal officials.

SENATOR RUMERY: Does it include the Governors and the legislators and the other elected officials?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, sir.