

balcony. Will you hold up your hands so we can see where you are. Okay, welcome to the Unicameral. Senator Wiitala, do you wish to speak to the Marsh amendment?

SENATOR WIITALA: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I oppose the Marsh amendment largely because in reading through the language of the amendment the limitations are placed on contributions from corporations, labor organizations, industry, trade, professional associations which in an aggregate exceed ten thousand dollars. I think the amendment has good, honest intentions but it is directed solely at packs. Packs for a lot of organizations are formed by a checkoff system because people can't afford to contribute large amounts of money but through contributing small amounts of money, having a large membership they are able to muster political action funds, but far from the packs is a practice in many other areas where salaries are given to individuals from places of employment, 1 to 10% of their salary is given in the expectation that it will be used for political action type purposes. In my recent campaign it wasn't unusual for several corporations or industries to issue through their executives, checks of \$100 per person. The one hundred dollar figure did not have to be recorded by corporation or by the contributor's name and so what I am saying is, what is good for the goose is good for the gander and that if we are going to address this situation, let's address it completely across the board. As it now stands I would have to be against it. I'm sorry and I offer my apologies to Senator Marsh and hope that she understands my frame of reference and where I am coming from. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I think what Senator Marsh is attempting to do is admirable but here again we seem to be losing confidence. We don't have enough trust in that candidate running for office. I think that individual candidate has a prerogative to make the kind of decisions that Senator Marsh is trying to foist on us by statute. Now I know my good friend back here, Senator Chronister, put a hundred dollar limitation on any one contribution he could get from anyone, and I think that is admirable and I think that is Senator Chronister's decision and I think that the public that looks at that decision makes a judgement on Senator Chronister reflected on the judgement calls he makes in his campaign. I think all the merit of a candidate voluntarily doing something like this is lost if it is mandated