

of an individual candidate to make that decision. I see nothing wrong with that decision and either way that individual candidate makes it, just as long as it is fully, properly, completely disclosed....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR DWORAK: So I urge the rejection of Senator Marsh's amendment.

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

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the Marsh amendment and I think I would like to talk to kind of the general philosophy of the amendment and a little bit about its intent and its purpose. One of the things that I think people forget is that there is becoming in the Nebraska Legislature and in the state at large, a recognition that we are a pretty important body. Now that is not all bad. But as they come to understand that we are a pretty important body more people contribute to campaigns and we get what I think is a kind of escalation in the campaign area of funds and the importance of money to political campaigns. Now I think that really what we ought to be thinking about as a Legislature is how can we really emphasize in our nonpartisan, one House system, how can we emphasize the power and the importance of some organizational activities and the relationship that a legislator has with his constituents, not the relationship that a legislator has with the lobbyist and I think that is a really clear sort of distinction. Now the lobbyists are not all bad and they are not all good and constituents are not all bad and they are not all good and that is not the argument or the gist of the argument that I am making today. The argument is simply this. Should we try on a philosophical basis to say, let's make money a little less important. Let's not make it totally unimportant. Let's not say that we can't run a campaign, ten thousand dollars of pack monies is going to do that but really I think that the problem is that the pack monies is contributed by individuals and they go to the packs. Now the packs funnel those monies to candidates with the understanding that the pack gave the money, that the industry group gave the money, that the labor organization gave the money, that the money was given, not as a number of individuals who feel philosophically akin to X legislator or X candidate but the money was given by the industry and the unsaid thing is, whether it is intended and I don't want to question whether it is intended, the unsaid thing is