

that the pack gave the money and, two, the pack should listen or the industry group, you should listen. I think we ought to limit those dollars and ten thousand is a way to limit it but I think the important thing is to try to encourage individuals to contribute money. Let's develop a relationship. There is nothing wrong with a relationship with the president of a company, if he wants to individually, personally contribute money and he wants to give you advice and suggestions, there is nothing wrong with that and that should be encouraged. But to contribute the money through a pack, I think, infers some things that we want to be very cautious of. There is nothing wrong with taking of money from a labor organization, the president of a labor organization if he personally contributes the money but if his members contribute the money and they hand it to you, the inference is clearly there. I think the Marsh amendment is a good amendment. I think it was intended to solve a problem of a continually escalating number of dollars coming from special interest groups which the public sees or believes is buying something and frankly, I would think that to some extent it does create some influential differences and subtleties there that really should be lessened as much as we possibly can. I support the Marsh amendment. I think it is a good one.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the Marsh amendment, not primarily because of what the amendment is intended to do but I would like to explain how I think this sort of thing just chases the ropper around the pasture and about the time you think you've got him stomped in this hole, he pokes his head up in another hole. I think the effect of the amendment would really be to just change the structure of the packs. The packs would be limited in the amount of money that they could contribute, then the next thing you would not have packs anymore but you would have letters going out to all the people that are associated with that industry and there would be the suggestion there that just send your money directly. Send your money directly, probably a hundred dollars or less and it will not funnel through the pack. It will be the same kind of money. It comes from the same industry but the major difference would be that it would not be reported. We would have less of a reporting system than we have now. Now I will agree with some people who think packs are a disservice to a candidate in that you go to the local person who is supporting your candidacy and he tells you I gave through the pack or I gave at the office and so that is a disadvantage to