

a number of candidates. But I think this amendment will not do what it is designed to do. It just chases it around from another direction and would probably result in a less of a reporting procedure than we have now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, in its present form I would certainly have to oppose this amendment because I think Senator Lamb explained very well what it does in diverting the course of funds going to candidates and has no impact on the overall amount of funds a candidate can raise. Without an effort in the amendment to limit personal contributions it would simply chase the gopher around as Senator Lamb said. It doesn't prevent a corporation from giving a 5% additional salary to the corporate officers and expecting fifty to hundred dollar checks for the candidates it would choose to support. It wouldn't prohibit any candidate from spending fifty or seventy-five thousand on a legislative race but will merely change the direction of campaign funding and turn it around. If we can't put it together in a total package, a total limitation which may not be realistic either, I would certainly have to oppose this amendment. Even that would have problems because you have legislative districts in this state where campaigns can be run as effectively with five or ten thousand dollars as in other districts with thirty thousand where they have to go to urban media for the campaign. Some of the rural districts, ten thousand dollars is an equivalent of thirty thousand dollars in an urban district. So, that again has some real problems when you put a set overall lid on campaign expenditures. I think it would be a serious mistake to lid packs only which some of these represent organizations that have tremendous memberships. Other packs represent organizations with maybe a handful of memberships and people that make the total decisions in those packs so to put them all in the same level and consider all packs as a limited force, why you leave the person with the wealthiest friends free to gather all the funds he wants. This would be a totally unfair situation. The person with the wealthiest friends, personal friends that will put up money, maybe in sums of five thousand dollars apiece would be the truly advantaged person in a campaign with a limitation solely on pack contributions. I urge you to vote down this amendment unless we come with an amendment that would limit the personal campaign contributions just as well. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.