

a self-policing mechanism. I think that is the basic philosophy behind it that politicians themselves be policing themselves. Now frankly I don't see anything terribly wrong with that philosophy but I do think there is one significant problem with it that really discredits it and makes it unacceptable and that simply is that the public does not have the faith in its elected officials that it ought to have. It is an unfortunate truth but it is the truth and because of that it is beneficial that we allow people who are not part of the process to have, in fact, an opportunity to feel secure that this whole process is being reviewed and in an objective way and in an objective manner by objective people. So for that reason, I oppose the DeCamp amendment. I urge this body to reject the DeCamp amendment, to advance the bill. I think we have talked long, far too long in fact, on this issue. I thank you.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, I first put on my light because I was going to leave some of my time to Senator DeCamp but after Rex Haberman's objection I think I will just say a few words and sit down but I am not a political historian and I can't go into McCarthy and Stevenson and Openheimer and Murrow as John DeCamp has done but I will say that I do support his amendment. I especially approve of what he is doing on the total assets on page 31, having a running account. Also on page 33 on the investment of funds but especially very much in favor on page 40 where he says, "The provision of transportation within the State of Nebraska to an officeholder." Now according to the rules and regulations that were recently published by the Accountability Commission they consider transportation or driving me from Omaha to Lincoln as a gift or a thing of value. That reminds me of the Falstaff situation but anyway, I can't believe that with the many friends that I have in Omaha and they just happened to be lobbyists, that I am not allowed to drive from Omaha to Lincoln or back in the case of bad weather where I am - fearful of driving by myself, that they should say that anything over \$25 is considered a gift for me. Now we do have a car pool occasionally in Omaha where we meet at a certain point and we do drive down together and I can assure anybody that when I am riding with a lobbyist from Omaha we don't discuss his or her bills at any time so I can't see where driving from Omaha to Lincoln is a gift or a thing of value to me. It is just getting me here on time and possibly in bad weather which I appreciate very much and I know that it is covered in Senator DeCamp's amendment and I approve of it highly. I think that all of us as officeholders have to be honest with ourselves and