

is never thought of in terms of human beings who evaluate our conduct and often are disgusted and turned off by what they see. When polls are taken among "the public" they are very concerned about the inordinate power that lobbyists have over legislators, not only at the state but at the federal level too. Then they read things like Mrs. Jenrette pointed out where working with the conservative Republicans in Congress, she had engaged in various activities that we would say are at least on the shady side and politicians act embarrassed. They don't want those things discussed. Then they ought not do them. Senators and other people in Congress who call themselves members of the moral majority will be caught by other members of the moral majority who work for the FBI who peek through little peekholes in Washington, D.C., bathrooms and catch these congressmen doing unseemingly things of a sexual nature. Then these moral majority people with great shame have to resign from their office, having lied to the public and projected themselves as paragons of virtue. That is what politics is. Terry Carpenter honestly assessed it when he said it is a dirty, double crossing, double dealing game, and he added, that is why he liked it. You can get rich in politics, not from your salary. You can get rich as a legislator in the Nebraska Legislature. I had written a poem when the escapades of Senator DeCamp became public. I like Senator DeCamp too but I wish sometimes it might seem like I don't. But in that poem I didn't just take issue with Senator DeCamp. I had mentioned in it that there are others who were upset because they didn't have the gall, the audacity to do what he did and that is the only problem that they have. They didn't think of it first, but others are going to catch on and they are going to do it. So if there is genuine concern on the part of the legislators, which I don't think there is, about integrity, honesty, forthrightness, independence of judgment and action, the amendment I am offering will show that all of the statements about those issues are said in sincerity and here is what the amendment says. That you can't take contributions from anybody for any purpose when you are running for office. You've got to come out of your pocket with two hundred fifty dollars and that is all you can spend on the office. That is enough to get a few little cards and maybe three or four bumper stickers. Let your best friends drive around with them, you hand out the card and then you are compelled to deal face to face with the constituency that you will purport to represent. Do you know why I don't have to campaign and don't have to accept campaign contributions? Because what I am is well known. What I do speaks for itself and whether you like it or not, whether you like me or not, you are not in a position to vote for me so you will be plagued with me for as long as I decide to run and allow myself to be sentenced to the Legislature. So what is thought of me by the people in this Legislature or Ord or anyplace else is totally insignificant and inconsequential.