

introduced with the awareness of the introducers of the original LB 134 and have not indicated any objection to it. This amendment, in fact, is complimentary to the objectives of the bill in that it balances information regarding the "thou shalt nots" you will find on page 3 of the bill with some "thou can do" and, in other words, it identifies some of the basic expenditures that are recognized as purposeful in campaign expenditures. The amendment, therefore, should be helpful in establishing guidelines for the general information of everyone involved and I urge acceptance of this particular amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, speaking to the Lowell Johnson amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this amendment is acceptable to myself and to the other introducers of the bill. It comports to the general concept of the bill at the beginning but merely specifies some troublesome items, items that troubled some of the constitutional officers in the state and the troubled members of the Legislature and I think Senator Johnson has put them all together in one amendment which I hope will alleviate a lot of the concerns. And I would ask you to pay particular attention to the last part of the amendment which states that meals, lodging and travel by an officeholder related to his or her candidacy and for members of the immediate family, those are allowable expenditures. So I know that Senator Haberman and some others outstate were troubled by whether going out to give a speech to a particular Kiwanis Club or Rotary Club about political matters was covered or not covered and we are saying explicitly in this amendment what I think would have been said had this, even without this amendment, that those types of expenditures are acceptable campaign expenditures. It is my understanding that with this amendment the Governor has indicated that he approves of the bill and that he will sign the bill should it get to his desk. So I think this will go a long ways towards satisfying a lot of apprehensions and I would ask you to approve of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely and then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to echo Senator Beutler's comments that, in fact, we have sat down with Attorney General Douglas and other individuals and are very pleased that Senator Johnson has introduced this amendment. I think it deals with some of the concerns that have been expressed in the Executive Branch and I think that it also deals with some of the concerns some of the members of the Legislature