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obviously influencing public policy in the State of Nebraska, would this come under the purview of this amendment? Would Mr. Kalmanowitz have to make a disclosure and a filing if he was going to put this ad in the paper?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Dworak, I will read the pertinent language of the amendment. It says, "Lobbyist shall include any person except a political candidate or candidate campaign committee who solicits funds or support, collects dues, or expends money when such solicitation, collection, or expenditure is in excess of one thousand dollars and such person uses such funds to influence any political issue within the State of Nebraska".

SENATOR DWORAK: Well then the Kalmanowitz thing as I hear your amendment, because he expended over a thousand dollars, and I imagine that one ad cost over a thousand dollars, he would be subject then to the provisions of this particular amendment. He would have had to file with the political disclosure committee and have gone through all the red tape before he could have influenced or presented his point of view. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator, as an individual who is involved in effecting legislation, I don't think there would be any problem. I think the Accountability Commission would probably rule as you have said. I think it would mean disclosure of the money spent, and I don't think that would bother Mr. Kalmanowitz a bit.

SENATOR DWORAK: No, I am not implying it would bother him, I am just trying to determine who would come under the purview of this law. I just want to know who it is going to affect. But the dollar amount has to be in excess of a thousand dollars either collected or spent.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right, Senator.

SENATOR DWORAK: And only dollar amount, not in kind.

SENATOR SCHMIT: At this time I am only referring to dollars. I have another amendment that deals with in kind contributions which I will come to later.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we continue, it is my privilege to introduce from the Southern Nebraska Rural Public Power District, Jane Kruse who is the Director of Conservation and Customer Services, and used to work with

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