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Senator Howard Peterson at the Commercial Bank in Grand Island. Where are you located? There you are. Okay. Senator Beutler, do you have an amendment to the Schmit amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend by adding the severability clause to the Schmit amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit perhaps has a good idea. I am not altogether convinced or I don't feel comfortable as to the constitutionality of that particular amendment, but on the other hand I am not sure that it isn't all right either, but I am simply adding a severability clause to the amendment. The severability clause is a standard legal procedure which says that if any part of a particular bill is declared unconstitutional, the rest of it remains whole and in effect. So all I am doing is trying to protect the rest of the bill just in case Senator Schmit hasn't done his homework. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now are we ready for....Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: I would like to speak to the Schmit amendment, so I will....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, all those in favor of Senator Beutler's motion which has to do with the severability clause vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the Beutler amendment to the Schmit amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. What is the next one?

CLERK: Well, we are now back to Senator Schmit's amendment as amended, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL:by Burrows?

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I wholeheartedly support the Schmit amendment. I think it has been one of the most ridiculous loopholes that has existed in our state campaign accountability act to allow large organizations inside or outside the state to spend unlimited money without accounting for it while people inside the state running for political office and maybe working on the same issues involved that