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you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I supported one amendment of Senator Schmit's and I did it in good faith and I thought it was appropriate, but it may have some problems. Now we are coming with a host of amendments that I have to state very candidly I think are designed to probably just submarine 134, and I believe 134 the original intent was to give us some specific guidelines in how we expend campaign funds, and I think that that is correct. Now we are talking about voluntary labor and in lieu of kinds of contributions rather than money. When you are on a campaign in the area in which I live I want you to know that there are a lot of man hours involved, for instance in my last election 318 poll workers to cover 40 precincts plus the numbers of people who went door to door on two different occasions. As I read this amendment, that means that there is going to be considerable accounting that has to be done, and this was all voluntary and it wasn't coerced upon people and they did it because they obviously wanted to support my candidacy. I just can't believe we here today are passing major legislation and I will repeat Senator Beutler, if people really wanted to repeal the Accountability Commission and the laws, then we should do it through proper procedure which is introducing legislation, having a public hearing and then going from there. We are about to expend a total day on a bill which I think had merit and now becomes to the point...gets to the point where there is no longer much merit left. And I...just because some people live in a more rural area where you don't have this kind of organization and possibly don't need it, doesn't mean that you should attempt to provide additional hurdles for those of us who live in high density population areas to have to bring about this kind of accountability in terms of man hours and then estimate the cost. And I read Senator Schmit's proposal, the least cost it shall be would be the federal minimum wage as you put down. People that don't understand immediately believe that you expended considerable sums of money, which you really haven't, you are merely saying in lieu of certain kinds of man hours at \$3.35 an hour or whatever it might be, or as you said, what private industry pays for the same kind of work. Which private industry do I use in the Omaha area for similar kinds of work? I don't know. I don't know that there is much of a record there, and I don't care whether Senator Johnson wants to put 20 hours in there, that is not even reasonable. There are people that worked more than that for me in my last election, 20 hours, and that is a fact and I know that. And there