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is nothing wrong....

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR KOCH:with being able to put that down in your accountability right now. I think we are supposed to report in lieu of certain kinds of contributions presently, and to me that is ample and I don't see a reason to adopt this amendment and I oppose it. I would hope we would sort of stop loving this bill to death and get back to it and decide whether we want to pass it on or not.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit, did you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would just have to say that I will support Senator Johnson's amendment. I think it is reasonable. I appreciate his offering it. I hope you will support the amendment after his amendment is adopted, and I think I want to point out one thing that this then says, as Senator DeCamp said, if you give...if someone gives me \$100 or more, their name shall be a part of the record. If someone works 20 hours or more for me, their name shall be a part of the record. It doesn't mean that if someone makes a few phone calls or mans a polling place during election day or something like that, or the poll worker, or anything like that that they have to be listed, but it means that you have made a major effort in that campaign. I think that we are putting it on about an equal basis. It probably was unfair, Senator Johnson, a' four hours because you might involve a lot of people who would help only cursorily and didn't want to offend anyone so, therefore, they went ahead and helped you. But I think that any individual who will spend at least 20 hours working on a campaign has made a positive contribution, one which is recognized, and one which should be identified. Now I didn't hear all what Senator Koch was referring to, but, Senator Koch, you can marshal forces in the country as well as you can in the city, and oftentimes you need them even more desperately because you have a scattered out constituency. Senator Lamb, for instance, who travels over several counties, it is imperative to him that he has someone in those various towns to speak for him after he is gone because he is hundreds of miles from there when he gets back home.

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute or so.

SENATOR SCHMIT: So it is important. As a candidate, I