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would rather have two and a half days of labor from an individual than a \$100 campaign contribution. I think we all know that because an individual who works for you will vote for you and I think that impact is felt all up and down the line. So I support the Johnson amendment and I hope that we will then pass the amendment as it is written now.

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

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, I did, if I can remember now since I have been talking to Senator Wesely, but I wanted to ask Senator Vard Johnson a question when he was speaking to the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Johnson, will you respond, please?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Sure.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Johnson, when you spoke about volunteers, how do you define a volunteer? Is that someone who comes forward willingly and says, I want to work in your campaign, or is that someone who belongs to a union who is told, you will work in that person's campaign, and say that you are doing it as a volunteer? I mean, where...can you define volunteer? I mean, and would you mind in this amendment of not only listing the name of the person who is a volunteer, and the address, but list their occupation such as teacher?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Higgins, the amendment itself is Senator Schmit's amendment. That question may be better addressed to Senator Schmit. Mine is just to change the hour requirement. But let me just say this much. The amendment now reads, as Senator Schmit has advanced it, he says that the campaign statement of a committee shall disclose the amount of noncash contributions received, including the value of services provided without compensation by an individual who volunteers to provide services. I interpret the word meaning volunteers to provide services as any individual who gives services without compensation.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, then maybe I had better address the question to Senator Schmit.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Whether it is coercive giving or free will giving, the amendment is...it doesn't make any difference.

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