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SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit, would you respond, please?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Schmit, would your amendment apply to people who are coerced into becoming volunteers? You probably were in the Army, you know what the word "volunteer" really means.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr.....

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr.?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And Senator Higgins, I think that I am not so sure that you can...I am not familiar, let me say that, with coercing people into a campaign. I have, you know, asked people to work. They have volun....they have come forward to work, some of them I suppose with enthusiasm and some with less than enthusiasm. I don't know, you know, I am not saying that coercing takes place in certain areas, and in answer to the question about the occupation, I don't think I would have to have that on their as far as I am concerned. I think that if I saw Marge Higgins name on there as a volunteer worker for Loran Schmit, I could look it up and find out what she did. I think that's good enough.

SENATOR HIGGINS: If you saw though a campaign report where all of the volunteers belong, say to...oh, just for a wild excuse, the Teachers Union, would that tell you something?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, it would tell me the teachers like that candidate, yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And if they all volunteered immediately after school at every precinct to work for the same candidate?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That would be a most enviable kind of support.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Believe me, it is. Thank you, Senator, you have answered my question.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: That shook me up for a minute, Mr. Speaker, that is the correct pronunciation of my name,