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I think it is a very good amendment, one which should be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Peterson, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would rise to favor both the Johnson amendment and the Schmit amendment. It appears to me that we are talking about something of real value here in asking for a report from those who give 20 hours or more. Personally, in my own campaign I know I had at least 200 people in that category and I suspect that half of them also resulted in giving cash in addition, but it would seem to me that it is only reasonable for us to expect that we ought to report those who are working for us at least 20 hours.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, in the north balcony there are twenty-five 6th Grade students and three adults connected with the Kenesaw Public School, Kenesaw, Nebraska, Miss Lorette Mihm is the teacher, and where are you located? Will you hold up your hands so we can say hello to you? Okay. Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I... I see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Vard Johnson to close on his amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, my closing will be extremely short, just to refresh your memory as to what this amendment is. Senator Schmit proposes that we require disclosure during the course of a campaign of those individuals who give us more than four hours of volunteer work in our campaigns, and I suggest by my amendment that we increase that threshold for disclosure to 20 hours a year. I think that then will sift out of the disclosure requirements the fairly modest volunteers from those that make the major volunteer time contributions. It seems to me that would ease our bookkeeping requirements and it is a sound amendment. I ask that it be advanced or adopted.