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SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Vard Johnson amendment to the Schmit amendment, right? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Vard Johnson amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wiitala now moves to amend the Schmit amendment. (Read the Wiitala amendment as found on page 1634 of the Legislative Journal.) That is offered by Senator Wiitala.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wiitala, the Chair recognizes you.

SENATOR WIITALA: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I offer this amendment basically for the same reasons that I stated before when I was speaking to the Johnson amendment. I truly feel that any time you list all of your campaign workers and that includes the majority of them that work 20 hours or more, that it is really a violation of the citizen's right to privacy. I would much rather have the contributions requirement where a person has to state in his filings exactly how much someone contributes, where they contribute over a \$100 dropped all the way down to \$10, and that might be a lot more equitable. A lot of times, you know, I am speaking also as a Social Science teacher, you know, you have students that join campaigns just for political experience, and it is not because they identify necessarily with the candidate but they are just doing it to gain experience. I think the Schmit amendment as far as this portion that I wish to amend out should be opposed and I ask for your support on this. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I oppose Senator Wiitala's amendment because I think Senator Schmit's amendment was terrific. I have 17 brothers and sisters that I will issue time cards to. I have 81 nieces and nephews and 70 of them are married so that is 151, so I am all for listing them as in kind services because I know they can't contribute to my campaign but they are sure there working and I don't see anything wrong in listing anyone that works over 20 hours in my campaign,