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campaigns are operated. In fact, this bill has been so cluttered with amendments and I had strong feelings for it at the beginning, I don't think I can support it any longer because we have completely gone away from the intent and from the bill that came out of the committee, and I find that disheartening, and I am not going to support this amendment nor any part of the legislation.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I am going to allow Senator DeCamp to close on the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler said some important things. He said if you put this amendment on, the teachers and maybe some other organizations...he meant labor unions, will come out and oppose the bill, and pull out the votes. I guarantee you that can't happen and I am going to tell you why, because Davey Newell and Steve Fowler and Chris Beutler, Steve Wiitala, Ernie Chambers, aren't going to be influenced by some teachers or labor unions when they know that what they are doing is right, not even Don Wesely. Don Wesely said some words. He said, let's look at the original purpose of the bill. The original purpose from Day One has been one thing, disclosure and accountability. Who is supporting whom and with what assets or resources and to what degree, and by golly for the first time the amendment puts the other half of the story in. The other half of the story is there is a lot of support, organized support that comes in the form of channeled, funneled labor that makes a candidate successful. Now we are not just saying somebody that stuffs a few envelopes or goes and passes out a few brochures has to be reported. We're saying somebody who does this in significant amounts and we are talking equivalent of \$100 or more, the same way you would put their name down and say, Bernice gave me a \$100. I would just put her name down and say, Bernice donated \$100, or \$200 or \$500, or whatever worth of labor. Now why is that so terrible to disclose, and all the ones that have been screaming for disclosure are suddenly panicked when we are right on the verge of having true disclosure for the other half. Senator Wesely, this will shock you. There are candidates who do not have let's say large groups of people that can donate