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a month. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Nichol amendment as explained. All those....okay, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I would just ask one question of Senator Nichol for the record as to the intent of this amendment. Would you say in performance of your official duties, which is the amendment we are talking about, would that include myself going out to speak to a group somewhere in the State of Nebraska and having a member of that group or a lobbyist with that group giving me a ride there and back? Would that be part of our official duties and thus not be illegal?

SENATOR NICHOL: Are you talking about a registered lobbyist taking you out there?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, well, whoever....

SENATOR NICHOL: And how much will that amount to a month?

SENATOR WESELY: I don't know, just taking you out to Scottsbluff or something to speak to an organization out there.

SENATOR NICHOL: If you were going that far and it would cost that much, yes, he may do it under this amendment now which you would not be allowed to do...you would not be allowed to accept it the way the law is now, but with the DeCamp amendment, yes, they can do it but they still have to report it.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, but you do include official duty, something that would not just be going to a committee hearing but also having to speak to a group or organization as a State Senator.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, and I would think that the official capacity would be determined by the Accountability Commission. I am addressing what is official and what isn't official with this amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you want to speak to the Nichol amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I have just a point of clarification