

continue then with the discussion. The first part of the Higgins amendment, I think clearly she has had a personal experience, she is trying to do something about. I think once again we are trying to deal with an area that I am not sure we should be on the floor of the Legislature. I think that it is quite feasible that she does make a valid point but I think we also have to keep in mind some of the realities of the situation. You talk about not allowing payment or support for somebody on your staff or some of the other elected officials' staff, even if it is on their own time or vacation time, now what is the sense in that? I don't understand that. Is that to say that any elected official in the State of Nebraska who is a staff person, who is a citizen just like the rest of us, takes time off on their own time on a weekend, on vacation time that they take off on their own, and uses their own time outside of their job and goes off and helps somebody and for that help gets some sort of reimbursement as a result, that that is wrong and that should be illegal? I don't see the point. I don't understand the problem, and maybe she has had her own personal difficulties and she is trying to make her point. Well, that's terrific, but I don't see where the problem is there even in her case. I think that...keep that in mind. I think you have seen...Governor Thone has had one of his own staff people, Kay Orr has resigned from that office and has now gone on to helping his campaign. She is no longer employed by him, that's true, but at the same time she was a staff person for him, she probably was involved even at that point with some different activities that might be considered reelection, and, you know, it just seems to me that you separate though the fact that in the office hours when they are working for the State of Nebraska or the county or the city or the schoolboard, or whatever, that is one thing, but when they are off the job, when they are not working for whatever position they hold, they are on their own, they are a private citizen, who are we to say what they are supposed to or cannot do in terms of political activity? I don't think that it is our right to do that. They are full fledged citizens. They have that opportunity and right and privilege and I think it is wrong for us to say, no, you cannot be a full citizen, you cannot help another candidate and you cannot get reimbursed for that. So I would oppose the Higgins amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the Higgins amendment. I think, in fact, both