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SENATOR DWORAK: So the 20 hours would plug into this that if the spouse put in more than 20 hours, you would have to report that or a member of the family?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, my amendment says that I wouldn't pay them to work in order to hide campaign funds, but under the Schmit amendment I would be more than happy to report any work or hours that my spouse put into my campaign.

SENATOR DOWRAK: So if your spouse put in at least 20 hours, you would have to report that 20 hours' service as....

SENATOR HIGGINS: I think you ought to address that question to Senator Schmit since it was in his amendment not mine.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Haberman, for what reason do you rise?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Personal privilege, Mr. Chairman. Are we not on the first part of the amendment?

SENATOR NICHOL: That's right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Then Senator Dworak's questions are out of order because it has nothing to do with employees in the first part of the amendment or family. The first part of the amendment is staff or government employees.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I will give Senator Higgins time to get an answer to the question and come back on the second part of the amendment.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, if I can find Senator Schmit I will ask him how his amendment addresses that.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to address a couple of things Senator Lamb said. First of all, there is no prohibitions against a state employee or an employee working on someone's staff or anybody else's staff from working in a campaign. There are no prohibitions now on those areas. Those people have the same rights as anybody else to volunteer their time. Now there are laws that say they cannot be coerced or intimidated or threatened, or whatever, in