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talked about everybody taking a shot at 134, let's see some of the disastrous things we have done. We adopted the basic bill which limits where you can put your expenditures, some pretty strict, absolute, clear cut limitations. Another terrible thing we have done, as I understand it now is we adopted Senator Lowell Johnson's amendment, and as I understand that amendment came from a group that got together and looked at well, what about the interim period between campaigns, you keep a campaign organization going and so on and so forth, cleared up a whole bunch of areas, important areas. Then we said, okay, on disclosure since that is what accountability is all about, let's have disclosure of both sides, not just money in excess of individuals contributing a hundred, but labor when it's over a hundred dollars in value too, just disclose the name. We corrected another problem, a serious problem with respect to about half the Legislature technically being illegal, criminals. We have done that. On the subject of how widespread or how broad lobbying is, we have put an amendment that may need a little correction or a little touching up after we get it checked out a little further. I think of that with Senator Schmit's one on what we will call the Jaksha amendment, and whether that needs a little refining or not I am sure we will get additional input. But all in all you can't really say that we haven't done one heck of a good job on this bill in terms of making it exactly what it's always been claimed to be, accountability, disclosure, and I think it is good legislation. I think it closes many, many, many of the loopholes and it does provide additional disclosure, and if that is so bad, then you just junk the whole system. But as it is now, it is not that bad a bill. I urge your rejection of the amendment. I think we ought to go ahead and advance the bill now and go home.

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

SENATOR KOCH: (Microphone not on)...to my good friend, Senator DeCamp, I am just trying to make this bill look better than what you just described it to be because we are getting down to the issues, reward and punish, and so a part of the game is always that you reward those who have offered you the most help in your candidacy, and I am just merely saying that any individual...we just now said that anybody that works for us, we have got to describe the number of hours they work for us. We also have got to give their full name and address in our disclosure, so why not go a step further and get rid of the