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will read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment reads as follows: "No registered lobbyist or their principal may purchase or be soliticted to purchase tickets for political campaign fund raising activities."

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the question is the adoption of the Dworak amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, on the motion toadopt the Dworak amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to amend, to amend the Dworak amendment by striking the words "or principal".

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the amendment is almost identical to one I had in my original proposal which tried to keep any lobbyist from being solicited or from giving funds. The guy I have working for me, Ron Sedlacek, read it and everything looked fine and then he discovered something. I had the same words in there originally and it says "or principal". Now if you will look at the rest of the balance of the campaign laws and get principal defined, you will find, I think, that you have pretty well outlawed anybody in the whole world almost from being solicited or asked to buy tickets, which is fine if that is what you want to do. I would think we want to stop the lobbyist. I think that is what you were trying to do with the amendment and I think that was your intention. Maybe I am wrong, but as I say, if you will check "or principal", that means the whole industry and I don't know of anybody in the state that isn't part of an industry of one kind or another, whether it be a farm bureau being the principal employing somebody or Nebraska Association of Commerce and Industry as a principal, or some...read how they are defined. So I suggest that the amendment corrects what you intended to do which was stop lobbyists from being solicited and stop lobbyists from offering any tickets or anything. And with those few comments I would urge adoption of the amendment and then retain the balance of everything Senator Dworak offered, which has been identical to what I had originally