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this morning.

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

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President. Senator DeCamp, now I need some clarification. We adopted the Dworak amendment and as I understand it that says you can't buy tickets for fund raisers, etcetera, etcetera. Now, I don't know if that means that lobbyists, anybody who is a registered lobbyist, cannot, in fact, contribute to a campaign in any way. Is that what it means? Senator Dworak, let me ask you that question. I need to know that. Senator Dworak. Now, Senator Dworak, with your amendment a lobbyist cannot contribute....

SENATOR DWORAK: Oh, they can contribute to a campaign but then it is a reportable expenditure like any other contribution to a campaign, Senator Newell. All we're stopping is the ticket selling and that type of operation.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Dworak...

SENATOR DWORAK: So a contribution is legitimate, Senator Newell, and should be reported as such.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Dworak, they have to report those tickets too. That is not unreportable. So you basically said they can't buy a ticket to a fund raiser so now what they do, a lobbyist still can contribute but he has to contribute according to your....

SENATOR DWORAK: He has to make a contribution.

SENATOR NEWELL: ....legislative, it's a direct contribution....

SENATOR DWORAK: That's right.

SENATOR NEWELL: So you don't...you no longer do the fund raiser thing any more.

SENATOR DWORAK: That's right.

SENATOR NEWELL: So we are stopping all those darn parties, that's what we are really getting at. None of that free booze and....Senator DeCamp, now your concern is that "principal", the word "principal" in there too means that the people who they worked for can't buy tickets to those functions either and you want to say that the people that they worked for can buy tickets for the functions, right?