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principal part out and therefore I rise to support the DeCamp amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL:(microphone not on)....your light is on, do you want to speak? Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp, you never cease to amaze me but I know you feel that everybody is tired and they are not listening, but you and I know that the Muppeteer controls the Muppets, so why should we say that the Muppet can't do anything and leave the Muppeteer for whom the Muppets work free to do it? Or, for those who may not be familiar with the Muppets because they are relatively new creations, Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen, the lobbyists are Charlie McCarthy. Now, Charlie McCarthy obviously has the words put in his mouth by Edgar Bergen. So you are going to say that you can shut Charlie McCarthy's mouth but you can't stop Edgar Bergen. The lobbyist is merely a conduit through which the will of the principal passes. The principal is responsible for the actions of his or her agent. Now, why are you going to make an activity illegal for an agent but it is legal for the principal? In law, when the agent is acting for the principal, the two of them are one. The agent can make the principal liable for whatever he does as long as it is authorized by the principal in the course of his duties or held out by the principal as being assigned to the agent to do. So, if you simply say that the lobbyist cannot offer and do these various things but the principal can, you haven't done anything at all. I think the amendment ought to be left just as it is. And there is an easy way for the principals to get out from under the requirements laid down by Senator Dworak's amendment, fire the lobbyist. Then when the only thing that makes a person a principal is relationship to an agent, if there is no agent, Senator DeCamp, there is no principal because the principal is acting in his or her own behalf. So we are talking about a relationship that exists only because there are two or more individuals involved. If the principal wants to line some pockets or grease some mouths and put some egg on collar or fatten some bellies, all the principal has to do is fire the lobbyist for that particular issue. At least if the law is going to be tampered with, let the words of the law reflect that which is valid and leave it to the ingenuity of those who don't want to obey the law to find stratagems to circumvent it. If people were going to be honest, we wouldn't need an internal revenue code which is as thick as the space