

citizen groups run in the newspaper from time to time on all kinds of issues. Senator Schmit points to the Niobrara Dam that Mr. Jaksha ran an ad on, well that is a federal issue. I don't mean the Niobrara Dam, I mean the Niobrara River and the Norden Dam. That is a federal issue and quite frequently people come in and they run advertisements on the Papio Dam in Douglas County or the Norden Dam up in northeastern Nebraska. That is a federal issue that is intended to influence our Congressmen and our U.S. Senators. Do we want to define those people as lobbyists and make them disclose under the state lobby law, or the banking issue that Senator Schmit talks about, the full page ad to influence constituents in his district to have them contact Senator Schmit about LB 376. Now you see, Senator Schmit's amendment is a quantum leap. I mean it takes the sunshine act and stretches it to cover situations which are way, way beyond anything the current act is intended to cover. The Attorney General's opinion that Senator Beutler has received and distributed raises serious constitutional questions about that in terms of vagueness and in terms of overbreadth and in terms of chilling the exercise a persons first amendment rights, do we really want to tell people. . . . .

PRESIDENT: Half a minute, Senator.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you, Mr. Luedtke. Do we really want to tell people in the State of Nebraska that if they are going to spend a thousand dollars on any political issue, do we want to tell people outside the State of Nebraska like the Exxon Oil Company if they are going to spend a thousand dollars on any political issue, they have to come in and register as a lobbyist? I think it would probably mean that this bill is unconstitutional, it would have ramifications far beyond anything that we really want it to have and we ought to study the issue this summer in Miscellaneous Subjects along with other issues involving the accountability act. So I would urge you to vote against this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I would respectfully call for the question.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the question has been called for, do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. . . . .vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries, debate ceases, Senator Schmit, you may close on your motion to return.