

SENATOR SCHMIT: I want to thank Senator Hoagland for his words and thank Senator Beutler. I believe that in essence they agree with me that there is a serious problem here. The reason for my offering the amendment is this: That under the previous accountability law which we enacted, which was supposed to solve all evils of mankind and remove forever from the political area any chicanery or any other kind of disobedience that might not be condoned by certain individuals, we have found that some acts, although legal, were frowned upon principally by Senator Hoagland who was the introducer of that bill and who did a lot of work on it. After he found that there were some loopholes in the law then he proceeded to try and correct that law with Senator DeCamp's help and others for which they have been properly recognized. I would just like to say this. If the amendment is not adopted, I will vote against 1-3-4, because I will make you a promise. It will not be very long before someone will come back in, some of my attorney friends far more intelligent and better educated than I am who will draft it with the scalpel like precision that is necessary to take care of those situations. I'll bet that there isn't a member on this floor who has been here more than a year or so who has not at one time or another been the subject of a threat, some process of intimidation, or has had some individual or group come in and say we are going to do this to you or that to you. Now what I am saying is we have left open, wide open, all kinds of opportunities for people to escape the provisions of the accountability act. All I have to do is say that I am going to raise money to support LB 376. Collect the money, take it in this pocket pay it out of this pocket, nobody knows how much I collected and no one knows how much I dispersed, and no one knows if I have any left over. It is up to me. Good ole honorable me. I can take care of that little detail. I decide that I want to campaign for gasohol, so I organize a gasohol committee and I take in money over here and money over there. Senator Koch, my good friend, who is interested in education decides that he wants to organize a "Save Our Schools Committee" so he starts raising money and he makes a few lectures and he buys a few ads. Same old thing. There are a multitude of areas here. Now you say, oh, no one is going to do that. Let me tell you something, ladies and gentlemen, it is going to happen. You have invited it to happen, you have made it possible for it to happen, you have encouraged it to happen and it will happen and when it happens you will all scream and shout, there will be pious protestations from all kinds of pinnacles that it was never intended to be that way but it will be too late. Oh you might catch one or two guys in the net here or there, but for the most part, you hire yourself a smart enough attorney you can proceed with impunity. You can do just as I have said, and there won't be any need for any political campaign committee from this point forward.