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restricting a constitutional right when certain business groups don't want to face an initiative matter which has been placed on the ballot. I just have a couple of other things that I would like to point out to you from that hearing. Here was my statement in the transcript of our hearing, Senator Hefner, and if you don't recall it, I will give it to you. "I just have a few questions to ask, then I will be done with you", I was saying to the lady who was paid to come in from Denver, "Based on this law a person could not circulate a petition outside his home county but a person could come from outside the state to try to influence legislation by testifying. A person could not be paid to circulate a petition outside his or her own home county even though the issue may be of statewide significance and of great concern to that person but people can be paid to come and testify from outside the state on an issue that will not affect them in their state at all. So if you begin to weigh equities, some people may see a greater concern for the ordinary citizen than for the outfits that are paying people to do the very things they don't want other people paid to do." I am in favor of Senator Johnson's amendment. I think the initiative law ought to remain as it is but I have one question of Senator Hefner that I asked him during the committee and then I am through. Senator Hefner, would you yield to this question and you can answer very quickly?

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hefner, do you recall that I asked you because it says on the face of the bill that this bill was introduced on behalf of the citizens of Nebraska, when I asked you is the words "Citizens of Nebraska" an alias for Walt Radcliffe, what did you tell me?

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't remember anymore and I am sure you have the answer right there in front of you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, then I will ask you again, is the words or are the words "citizens of Nebraska" an alias for Walt Radcliffe?

SENATOR HEFNER: I introduced this on behalf of the citizens of Nebraska (interruption).

SENATOR CLARK: You have about fifteen seconds left.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Hefner did point out