

broke. But it's your purpose of going out to do those sorts of things that you want to look at. Now, if you go out and give a speech and you're to be compensated for that, what's it worth? Well, I don't know. I mean, that becomes what the value of any service is. The key is, did you do something that, as a custom or tradition, would entitle you to some sort of compensation above mileage or whatever to do so? So I guess what I would tell you is that you still have the threshold of a gift to worry about. The other parts of this bill that I would like to talk about are that the commission did come in and testify in favor of this bill. The commission came and talked to me prior to the introduction. They have had extensive discussions with lobbyists, senators and so on when they came up with this bill and this is also done with their blessing and their interest and they do have a strong interest in making sure that our Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission works and that you have public confidence in what is going on. If there is any one thing that I like the best about this bill, it is the full disclosure of what you're going to get in these matters. And the people should have full knowledge of what's being paid and that should be open for anyone to inspect to see on those reports and they will be picked up in a wide variety of ways. The other part of the bill that's attractive comes in the area of the Administrative Procedures Act on the appeals and how that can occur. This does put it more in line with the Administrative Procedures Act which makes it a more formal and a more concrete way of making the appeals and so there is a set body of procedure in law to do it. That, to me, is very attractive and one that should be done and it's a clean up. Lastly, in support of this, I think the late filing fees for not getting the reports done on time is a good procedure to put in here. We all tend to put those things off if we don't have to get them done. This will give some incentives, financial incentives, to make sure the reports are done by the lobbyists on time.

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: With that, I would also urge the adoption of this measure and we would advance it on. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Withem, followed by Senator Hartnett and Crosby. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Warner, members of the body, I