

sense without knowing what service you're talking about. But there...I think there are a number of factors that would relate to each particular service that would lead reasonable people to believe that in the context of a particular situation what was given was of reasonable value or not of reasonable value.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think people of opposite political parties could have a different point of view as to what is reasonable in terms of justifying the receipt of an honorarium?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think people of different political parties should have no differences on that matter.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that could...well, see, I'm talking...I'm asking this question because I'm aware of some complaints that had been filed with the Accountability Commission by opponents during their campaigns, based on language in the law so I'm not trying to be facetious and I want us...

SENATOR BEUTLER: This is a difficult area, I appreciate it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to be practical and realistic. Okay, then let me ask this question. When it says, bears a reasonable relationship, that means something like quid pro quo. You give this and the value you receive is justified by the value of what you give, more or less.

SENATOR WARNER: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's basically what...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would say that's as precisely as you can state it, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now suppose, see, I give speeches, people pay me. Usually I don't get paid as much as they're worth unless I'm doing it outside the state. Now suppose somebody pays me the same...offers me the same amount they would offer a run-of-the-mill person, there's no reasonable relationship between that pittance and the value of what I'm going to offer. So, in that case, what I get is not an honorarium by this definition, is it? Because it doesn't just mean that you get more than what the service is worth, it could mean considerably less, in which case there is no reasonable relationship between