

what is received and that which is given. So that, based on this definition, would not be an honorarium, would it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm not sure I have followed you completely, Senator Chambers, but an honorarium, as we have defined it, isn't a payment made for free or for no service or for nothing, such as some dictionaries might define it or might accept as part of the definition.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, we're not...here's what I mean.

SENATOR WARNER: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, sorry.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Warner, members of the body, Senator Chambers, I just wanted to make a brief remark here but let's continue the dialogue here and I will share some of my time with you, if you would like. If you would, Senator Chambers, refer to page 7 of the bill, paragraph 3, at the bottom of the page, which makes a...is the current reference to honorarium, and it says, as used in the sections, gifts shall mean a mean payment, subscription, advance, forbearance or honorarium, or the rendering or deposit of money, services or anything of value, the value of which exceeds...used to be \$25, we're now saying \$50 in any one month period, unless consideration of equal or greater value is received therefor. Some people read that and they say, well, an honorarium is the same as a gift and you can't accept an honorarium. Others read that...and that interpretation would be what you do, what I do, what anybody else does, if a group says, come out and give a speech and we'll pay you X number of dollars for it, could be considered to be in violation of the law. Others read further and they say, yes, when you get over here and say unless consideration of equal or greater value is received therefor, they would say, well, yes, Senator Chambers gave a speech out here, it was worth, to our group, \$100, \$500, whatever the number was, therefore, it is not a gift because he came out and gave a speech. There is a confusion. So the attempt by those who drafted the bill in Accountability and Disclosure was to clarify that confusion. They indicate that honoraria are acceptable. I said, yeah, we ought to clarify that, that they ought to be acceptable, that's the purpose of the bill. Some