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SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...under this definition.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And I don't see Senator Beutler but I will explain why I think it's needed, the 232 itself, because I had a situation where I was invited to go to Washington and speak to my railroad union. The theme of the seminar was Grassroots Political Campaigns And One Vote Counts. I conducted a pretty much grassroots campaign. I won by 16 votes so they thought I was a natural to come in and speak on that. They offered me...I was working on the railroad, which I get \$120 a day, basically, so I would have to take a day off of the railroad and lose \$120 to go out and get paid what they offered me, \$120, a day's wages, which is how they used to do it before I was a senator to come out and speak. So is \$120 reasonable? In comparison to my lost wages, it's very reasonable. They're just making up the lost day's pay, 120 bucks lost for coming out to speak, 120 bucks paid for speaking. The congressmen and state senators that were at the affair were getting a 1,000 bucks a pop. So was the 120 reasonable in that comparison? In no way. because I don't know any of them, the particular ones there that had won an election by doing a grassroots campaign or won it by 16 or fewer votes. So I think I was the more qualified speaker of the group, so my 120 bucks was not reasonable in that comparison. Very reasonable in the comparison to my lost wages. The thing being, my point now being accountability and disclosure could not allow me to go...they could not give me a definite yes, thus the need for LB 232. They said, why don't you try it and we'll see what happens. And I said, no, thank you. I don't need the \$120 that I would make on the railroad that bad. I wanted to go but Accountability's laws were not clear enough to allow me to go do something as simple as that. Now if some people think that's crooked or taking money under the table on my part, I strongly disagree. But I do have concerns about Senator Beutler's amendment and the aspect of some things being reasonable or not and, Senator Beutler, since you're back, did you hear my description of the \$120 being reasonable in one aspect and the \$120 not being reasonable in another aspect?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I'm sorry, I didn't hear it.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, I get paid 120 bucks a day on the