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just suggest that this sort of bill will discourage those kind of contributions and although today, perhaps you may not think it's important, it I think will become more important as time goes by. I want to just also ask a question. And that is, could I, as an individual, circumvent the intent of this bill, Senator Lindsay, by purchasing an ad directly for a candidate for governor, or the Legislature, or any other position, and not making a contribution to the campaign. I know that has happened in the past. What is your intent on that and how do you monitor that sort of activity?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'm sorry, I caught the last half of your question, but I wasn't sure of the first part.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Could I, for example, just buy an ad for you in the local World-Herald and pay the \$8,000 for a full-page ad, and do it as a public service, and not go through your campaign committee?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, I think it has to be read in conjunction with the accountability laws. Accountability I think, would consider that an in-kind contribution, certainly for reporting purposes. The intent is that anything that's done in...in conjunction with the candidate, or with the candidate's approval, that...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, then how about...how about a can...how about if I would put an ad in the paper opposing you. How is that reported? I'm just a public-spirited citizen. I don't like you and I want to put an ad in...in opposition to your candidacy. How is that handled? Who do I report that to?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, I don't know, again it has to be read in conjunction with the accountability laws. I think in that particular case, where you're not supporting any particular candidate, if you are spending in excess of \$2,000, you, yourself, would have to form a committee for the purpose of reporting...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...so, I think it would be...it would be handled separately.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, suppose...okay, let me ask another