

unions or who work for corporations to get out there and become actively involved in the process rather than simply have their PAC leaders give sums of money to individual candidates and say, look, we've supported this candidate. It just...it makes the money aspect or the financial aspect of campaigns much too important and I know the teachers union is against this, I know the labor unions are against this because it, quite frankly, it does curtail their ability to spend money on a particular candidate that normally votes their way. I appreciate that fact. They play by the rules as they exist today and they play by the rules by spending money on candidates that they want to see elected and that's fine, that's fine, that's fair because those are the way the rules read today. But I'll bet you that if we make these limitations and we make these limitations stick, then what we're going to see are these large organizations instead of simply funneling money through their lobbyists and through the special interests leadership in Lincoln, we're going to see those individuals out on...working on campaigns. We're going to see them out campaigning going door to door and becoming more intimately involved in a campaign rather than saying well I don't have to worry so much because I've given my PAC contribution, the PAC will take care of this, they'll give whatever money needs to be given to get somebody elected. And to me it just rubs me totally the wrong way and I don't know how you all feel about that. Maybe it doesn't bother you, maybe it doesn't bother you. And I know the argument is, well if we pass something like this I know that the teachers union has mentioned me, we'll just go out and form subpacs, we'll go out and form subpacs and so they can give up to the limits so we can end up giving the candidate the same amount of money that we do now. Well that's fine too and if that's what happens as a result of these limitations, maybe we'll have to take a look at it and have to address it. To conclude what this amendment does is it puts a limitation, I've given you the legislative limitations. For the Governor and Lieutenant Governor the limitations by individual PACs is \$25,000, political parties \$100,000 and aggregates on PACs, corporations and unions of 350,000. Other statewide offices are 10, 15 and...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...fifty-two five and then the constitutional officers 2,500, 2,500 and 8,750. Again, a vote for this is a vote pretty much against the interests of the large political