

have a lower limit than that. So what Senator Johnson says makes sense in the context of what this bill is purporting to do. But here again I've got to make a comment and it has nothing to do with the particular amendment Senator Johnson is offering, but it gives me the opportunity to try to make this point again. If I am a corrupt candidate and on the other side is a corrupt contributor and the limit that I can receive or spend altogether is whatever amount we say, that corrupt contributor can give me \$10,000 and he tells me, Ernie, if you don't say anything, you know I'm not going to say anything and I'll say, we're in this together so we can't say anything. So he doesn't report the \$10,000 he gave me, I don't report the \$10,000 that I have received and the crook that you're trying to trap, you haven't done anything to. But then here's somebody young and naive like Senator Rod Johnson, thinks that this stuff we put in the bill means something so we raise this amount to \$50,000 and he's going to sweat and puff and strain to do all he can to stay within his \$50,000 and I'm an old bear over here just watching the cub, running around the stump chasing his tail and I've got \$100,000 already that I can spend because the one who gave it to me is not going to tell and I'm not going to tell. So the honest person is burdened and I, who intend not to be honest, am not touched by it at all. I'm glad to see Senator Scott Moore who came back because I can make an analogy. When he was pushing so hard, so hard for the cloture rule, I said it will bite one of you before it will bite me and it bit Senator Moore first and I read in the paper, because I wasn't here when they were trying to invoke it and I would have tried to help keep that from happening, Senator Moore. Senator Moore said there wasn't really the opportunity to express everything that needed to be expressed. That's what he said this year but I keep articles and I reviewed my file and what Senator Moore said when he was pushing for the cloture rule, if you cannot make your point in eight hours you need to sharpen your debating skills. That's what Senator Moore said and it bit him. So I'm telling you again, cloture would not affect me, but it will affect the others who don't think it's going to affect them. When it comes to this campaign regulating it's like they told me when I was at Fort Leonardwood taking basic training and we had these duffel bags and some people had footlockers. They said be sure and put a lock on your duffel bag. It won't keep out a thief, but it will keep out the honest people meaning those who will take something if there is no effort involved but if you have to break a lock they won't go into it. That's what I figure the rationale is. So this kind of legislation might