

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Beutler, on page 2 of the bill, line 10, do you have that in front of you?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Okay, where it says that the allowable deduction means, and so on and so forth, for reading seminars related to the duties when the event is not held within the political subdivision where the officeholder is a resident, now does that mean that if you lived in Omaha, for example, that you could not deduct a seminar registration fee if it were held in Omaha?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's the concept, Senator, and that particular...that particular language right there needs some cleaning up, which will be done. But I think the concept, as expressed to me by some of the senators that were outstate, for example, was that, as part of their office duties, as part of their...as part of being an officeholder, they're often called upon to travel outside of their legislative districts.

SENATOR HUDKINS: And that is the meaning that you give to the political...

SENATOR BEUTLER: And that's...that was the primary intent of that provision, to make...to give some accommodation to expenditures for that purpose. I believe that was the intent of those who were interested in that provision.

SENATOR HUDKINS: All right. And the second part of that, the whole bill, I guess, do you see this as a potentially decrease...a potential decrease in the amount of contributions to political campaigns in general?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, not at all. I don't think there is anybody that's going to, first of all, there's probably nobody that's going to know...very few people are going to know about the tax. They don't pay the tax. It would be paid by the campaign committee. I don't see that it's going to lead to any decrease in contributions.

SENATOR HUDKINS: All right. Okay, I agree with you that they won't know because they won't really know about the tax, but I think they would care, so I would disagree with what you said,