

because I think that people contribute to a political campaign, whether it's yours, mine or whose ever, because they want that particular candidate to win, and they give money to that campaign for that reason. If then the money that they contribute to a campaign is taxed, part of their contribution then goes to a fund which may, in effect, help someone else that they would have absolutely no idea of ever contributing to.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, that's certainly true, Senator, but it's no different than almost all of our taxes. It goes to a government who spends it for a number of purposes, most of which we hope is good, but a few of which are probably purposes that we would not have our tax money spent for, if we could choose.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Well, I disagree in the...I think you're comparing apples to oranges in that case because taxes to support a government is one thing, taxes on a political campaign is another. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Before we go on, Senator Schrock has a guest or had a guest, and I apologize, Dave Borgen from Kearney who is a UNK student regent, under the south balcony. Dave, if you're still here, stand up and say hello. Thanks for joining us today. We have an amendment to the amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Maurstad would move to amend the Bernard-Stevens amendment. (FA88 appears on page 1281 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Maurstad, on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. Using the analogy that Senator Bernard-Stevens has used, I've already got a little bit of a bad taste in my mouth relative to the amendment, and so mine is really very simple. It leaves in the allowable deduction "(c)". I think that the deductions in (a) and (b) are distinctively different than the allowable deduction phrased in "(c)", that being the legal fees or expenses paid which are directly related to an election contest pursuant to the sections then designated. As I'm sure those that were involved in or were in the Legislature four years ago recognize that my predecessor did, in fact, have extensive legal fees and expenses associated with the election contest in 1990, due to some