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SENATOR SCHIMEK: In the state?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I don't know if they're here presently, but they...I'm sure that they are...Philip Morris has a registered lobbyist, and I don't know whether Coors does, but...maybe Dow does. I just don't know. But they are quite likely...when something comes up, they'll have someone here that lobbies for them.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I...excuse me just a minute. Okay. Let me...they tell me that Senator Engel can answer that question. And I just haven't dealt with that. The only...my only experience with it was going to a workshop with the Cancer Society. And originally they paid my way, and then I ended up reimbursing them because I was told by Accountability it probably wasn't permissible. So I'll let Senator Engel answer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Dierks, did you want to ask Senator Engel a question?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes. Yes, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel, would you respond?

SENATOR ENGEL: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the body, as far as ALEC having lobbyists here in the state of Nebraska, they don't have lobbyists back here. And so as far as...if that will answer that portion of the question, as far as what Senator Dierks was talking about, these task force meetings that we go to in Washington, D.C., in December. And then during the year, they have task force meetings for those people who are on different task forces and those are paid by ALEC. They are not paid by the state of Nebraska. So it's no expense to the state of Nebraska except our annual convention. Our national convention is sanctioned by the state, and that is paid by the state. But as far as actual...having actual lobbyists back here in our Capitol, the answer is no.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, thank you very much, Senator Engel. I guess that's still...I need answered, when I...what do I owe in the way of explanation or reporting to the Accountability Commission when I go to an ALEC convention, versus an NCSL