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want to be absolutely clear about. This particular language is added to that portion of the statutes that says lobbyists cannot give. It is not added, it is not added, and I want to repeat this, to that portion of the statutes that says a senator cannot accept, because I felt that some of you would have the problem with the keeping track of the aggregation, that you would not want to do that. That at least has been an objection on the floor from time to time. So, this does away with that problem by not putting this requirement in the section that talks about accepting gifts, but only puts it in that part of the statute that relates to the giving of the gift, so that no lobbyist could...no single lobbyist could give to any one senator, over the period of a year, more than \$300. The second thing I wanted to point out, don't mix up in this argument food and drink. This particular section of the statute has nothing to do with food and drink, because it's already exempted out under the definition of a gift. So you...you...anything having to do with food and drink is already exempted from this statute. So that doesn't...that shouldn't enter into your calculations. So what we're talking about then are just gifts that are beyond anything that is food and drink and putting an aggregate annual limitation on it. So, I submit that for your consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Debate on the Beutler amendment to the Schimek amendment to LB 1021? Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm going to speak in general, Senator Beutler, because I think what you're trying to do is helpful. I'm going to say three quick things, because I think that someone should speak out and defend the Legislature on this issue, and no one has done that. And since I'm leaving, perhaps I'm the one who should. In the first place, the Unicameral, since its inception, has been singularly free from any kind of financial scandals, singularly free. Think of that, that's over 60 years we've had very, very few things that perhaps were...that you might call a scandal. The second thing, I think each one of us has to operate in our own way and I do it a little differently than others. I don't accept any travel money from anyone, state nor principals nor lobbyists. My husband and I have gone on trips, we have paid