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with me, but I think we can get in a situation where it might affect like such as ALEC and so forth. And I'd like to ask Senator Wickersham a question, if I could.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Wickersham, the last amendment was just passed, would that affect what...what I just asked, in your mind?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, I think it does because, under the circumstances you're describing, there is a gift from your company, State Farm. I think State Farm is a principal around here. If they're a principal then your wife is receiving a benefit from a principal that would have a value of more than \$300 in that calendar year.

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, then that's something that when we, you know, when we work for and when they win these, it's basically a reward for doing a good job, and that the thing is that would...that would disturb me greatly and it would affect I think more than just me in this particular body. So, if that's the case, I would like to maybe readdress the last amendment and see what we could do about that particular amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Engel. (Visitors introduced.) Further debate on the Beutler amendment to the Schimek amendment to LB 1021, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, there are two aspects...I actually want to make three points. One is there are problems with this language. Number two, even if you solve the problems of this language, I don't think it's the right direction. And, three, I think we ought...if this, by the way, is problematical, we ought to rethink the amendment we just adopted and reflect on it whether we really meant that or not. Look, the language of the amendment does not talk about principals. It does talk about individuals, any gift from an individual or an entity that is not your...like, family mem...other than a relative. That's the only exception. And the word "gift", the word "gift" in that section means a