

of individuals who cannot accept campaign contributions during the regular or special legislative session, a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, a board member of a Natural Resources District, and a member of the Public Service Commission. I'd like to point out that the copy you have, on page 4, line 25, of the amendment passed out to you, says director, and that is wrong. We have the real amendment here. That is the only clerical error, and it should not be director of Natural Resources District, it should read board member. And, of course, the real amendment that I have does incorporate that, that language. And five, it includes in the list of individuals who cannot give contributions or arrange for the giving of contributions during a regular or special legislative session any head of an administrative department or his or her staff, administrator, faculty member, or staff member of a state college, or a state university, or any commissioner of the State Highway Commission. Now the commission is appointed, as you know. They receive no salary, but they spend quite a few hundreds of millions of dollars of not only of gas tax monies, of federal highway monies as well. The people who work for those commission members in the Highway Department should be also subject to the same kind of criteria and ethics that all of us I think are involved with. What I would like to suggest is that if we're doing this for just political reasons to make somebody feel good, especially here in Lincoln, where Common Cause has its silly head sticking out most of the time, then, of course, that's all you have to do. You know, you can...you can...you can do this and make some of them feel good, but if you're really serious about ethics, if you're really serious about standards of conduct in political office and also in government, which is the same as being in political office, then we have to adopt, we have to adopt this kind of language. It makes sense. It makes no sense at all to be serious about a bill that I know Senator Bromm is serious about and I respect his approach to this and the reason he did it, I do, but I also think he didn't go far enough; that..and if we're going to do this and if there's something more to it than just the politics of the moment and at the time then, of course, this would be important for us all. We all know that, as the hearings were held across the state, sometimes the only people that showed up beside the committee were those that were the camera people and the reporters. You know, I have very few, if any, people I can think of that told me, and I've been in office a long time, that we've got to do something about...something about the ethics of the elected officials. Some were very upset with elected