**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on Ethics Reform**

[House Bill 1979](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1979&year=2016&code=R) relates to elected officials becoming lobbyists, [House Bill 2166](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB2166&year=2016&code=R) pertains to a gift ban and [House Bill 2203](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB2203&year=2016&code=R) relates to campaign finance.

During debate on House Bill 2166, bill handler — Sen. Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis — says a compromise was worked out on an allowable amount of a limit on lobbyist gifts…

**Onder 1 / Runs :08 / OC: to the member.**

*“To say that a given member could take no more than, let’s say $50 worth of gifts a day or 40, you’d have to shift the oneous to the member.”*

But, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur is concerned dropping the limit to $40 is not enough…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :13 / OC: than no ban**

*“So, you get enough lobbyists together, and you can send a legislator and his or her family to any kind of sports game, to anything. I mean, this is no different than no ban.”*

This measure has been set aside for future debate, while House Bills 1979 and 2203 have been sent to the executive branch.

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