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and certainly there's members in this body who have paid small fines, but nothing even compares to what happened here. And I think if we sit by and do nothing, we put our stamp of approval on for other people to do the same process and we just as well put these seats up for bid, just auction them off. Whoever wants to pay the most gets the job. And I think that's wrong. And I think the state of Nebraska is looking for us to say something and to do something. And I think not to do something is a dereliction of our duty. Those are my opening comments. I'll be glad to answer any questions. And I'm looking forward to this debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on LR 98. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the resolution is by Senator Friend and others, AM1757. (Legislative Journal page 1841.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Friend, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I wanted to start off by, oddly enough, I think, or you'd find it odd, thanking Senator Schrock for bringing this issue to our attention. I honestly, sincerely mean that. I want to thank him for bringing this to our attention. That said, that's why I bring this amendment. Because there's a debate to be had here. There's a discussion to be taken by all of us, or some of us, whoever wants to get involved, about our...a practical discussion about our Campaign Finance Limitation Act, and the Accountability and Disclosure Act, and the violations and things that have occurred, in my opinion, not only by Dave Hergert, but by countless others. But this point that I'm making with this amendment goes further than just a reaction to Senator Schrock, my friend, Senator Ed Schrock's proposal. I hope I can call him my friend. Took a little liberty there. There's two points here. There's one point, and it's maybe a...two little aspects to it, as far as I'm concerned. One was the practical discussion that I talked about--the Campaign Finance Limitation Act and the