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If I did more than that, it cost money. And I quickly found out it cost my money. I had to borrow money from my pension fund to run. To this day, I have taken more money out of my pension fund than I've received from all other sources combined. When you're running against an incumbent, you're not going to get other funds. But you're going to have to spend money to have the free speech. You've got to get your word out in some way or other. The argument is being made that if there's disclosure, then we're protected some way. (Laugh) I surely don't understand that one. "Disclosure-shmosure." Disclosure just means that there's an argument that can be held after the election. After you've lost, you can point out that this person got a zillion dollars from Corporation X. You're certainly not going to know it in time to do anything about it. There's no protection in that type of a thing. The only protection that persons who...have who want to run against an incumbent is that there is a limit. They're still going to be outspent, but they can put their own personal effort into it, and perhaps win. The playing field is a bit more even. Without limits, it is clearly not going to be even. Elections are going to be overwhelmed. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Redfield, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in trepidation to offer my humble opinions in the midst of the titans here involved in this issue, because I think that what we are having here is indeed a very philosophical discussion, but I think there are some practical applications that need to be discussed. And that's what I would offer here today, my observations as an ordinary citizen who decided to place their name on a ballot in the state of Nebraska and encountered the laws and all the technicalities that exist. And I can tell you, if there was one thing that discouraged me from running for office, it was those laws and the complications thereof. I actually lost sleep at night worrying if in fact I was carrying out everything to the finest jot and tittle. Now, we all know, dealing with school finance, that equal when it comes to dollars does not always equal "equal." What I mean by that is that we don't all start the race with the same