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I really don't have very much to add to the comments that Senator Beutler and Senator Wesely have made except to say that I have reviewed these provisions carefully. I think it is a good bill. I think it clearly places a kind of restriction on the uses of campaign funds that are necessary and I would urge this body to support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, members, I would like to ask a question of Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WAGNER: Senator Beutler, if you can get your green copy there, on page 5 in line 23, we are talking about an exception there that says, "except for office supplies and..."

SENATOR BEUTLER: Page 5 or page 3?

SENATOR WAGNER: Page 5. Okay, line 23, okay, it says down there, it says, "except for office supplies and..." Okay?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR WAGNER: What I am concerned about is campaign literature. Now here is where I am concerned about is, in your interpretation does campaign literature include signs? Now during a person's campaign, particularly in my area anyway, we do use them. You make signs and sign materials and I have looked up the legal definition and basically as near as I can determine it really is not clear and it has not been defined by the courts either. Okay, Senator Landis said he would...

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me respond to the question by Senator Wagner. Subsection G in that list applies to somebody who is holding an office and then seeks to add to the normal inventory of office supplies that they have by purchasing things through campaign funds. For example, we all receive our own accoutrements of our office and our office supplies from the Legislative Council and that subsection is designed to say that that is what we are entitled to, what we go through the public mechanism of obtaining by the dispersal process from the official administrative arm of that group and that that is what we are entitled to run our office with and we shouldn't be adding to our office with other office supplies that are not campaign oriented. You can hold an office...okay, go ahead. I just mean to be as...(inaudible)