

SENATOR BYARS: ..up front that it was going to cost \$42,000 and that I would have to raise that much money, I'm not sure that I would have pursued it. And, in effect, it would allow me or my challenger, one or the other of us, whoever might be in a more advantageous financial position, to, in effect, wash our competition out because of money, and I don't think that's what we want. I don't think this is the type of thing that we want to put into statute. But I'd certainly like to hear how Senator Lindsay would like to address this. I would like to hear something logical relative to this on how we would approach this situation and how we would deal with it. At this point, because of that reason, and I know it's personal but all of you could be faced with the same circumstances, but I would have to vote against the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: When I first came to the Legislature in 1969, former Senator George Gerdes was here and Senator Gerdes, as I have said many times on this floor, was not handicapped by a great amount of education, but he had a large amount of common sense and he would look at a bill and he would say, will it work. And I remember Bruce Cutshall, who was then the Bill Drafter, would say, well, what's the matter with it, and he would say, I don't know, but it just won't work that way. Well, I think we have a little bit of the same problem with this bill, Senator Lindsay. It won't work and I think we will find out that it won't work if we pass it into law, one of the reasons being the reasons given by Senator Byars. You know, strange as it may seem, we all start out rather low key, like Senator Robinson indicated. I did the same thing myself. We all do. We do not have any record and so it is relatively easy to go into a district and walk it and knock on doors and, if you're a reasonable kind of person, become a state senator or an elected person. Senator or Governor Victor Anderson told me one time, all politicians start at about this level, 60 percent of the vote, and then every time you do something you lose a few of your supporters. Those who agree with you expect you to do the right thing and you don't gain anything for it, but every time you make someone angry, someone drops off, and eventually, he said, if you stay at it long enough, you get below the 50 percent and you go back to your farm or your business, and there's nothing wrong with that. It is also true that legislators and governors, senators, congressmen and women all