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recognize that. I think also the expenditure for campaigns is obscene. I might add also, for those of you who have not done it, it's much easier to raise money when you don't have an opponent than when you do.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Try that some time.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, I hate to repeat what's already been said, but I campaigned on the promise that I would try to limit spending for our campaigns. I do think this is a start. I don't necessarily think we should stop here. I agree with Senator Robinson and his remarks that probably there should be a, you know, a, what, 25, 30, 50 thousand or whatever stop in our spending. I think maybe this might be misleading the people a little bit. The people are expecting us to do something about this. Many of us probably campaigned on this. Now I think Senator Lindsay's on the right track, but perhaps we should go a little further and limit the...have a set amount, although people in Omaha, Lincoln, and whatever, perhaps have to spend a little more than we do in the rural areas. It's hard to make everything fair, as we know. But I think...I don't want to get the point across that we are limiting ourselves, because we actually are not. It's a stopgap. Maybe we're giving a false impression here to the people, but anyway I will be supporting this bill, but I don't want to give the false impression that it is a cure-all, because it isn't. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Robinson, followed by Senators Beutler, Hefner, Schmit and Nelson. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, I have a few items I'd like to discuss and I'll be...like Senator John Lindsay to respond to some of them. Senator Lindsay, would you?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Do you think it's fair for an incumbent to be able to spend more money than his...than that person that's running against him in the general election? Do you think