

easier for people to file for office. We ought to encourage people to file for office. We ought to make it, yes, less expensive, but if an individual wants to avail themselves of the opportunity to serve the public, we ought not to place arbitrary restrictions in their way. Senator...Governor Nelson, when he started out had 2 percent name recognition, 2 percent. He chose to invest a substantial amount of his own money and he's Governor today. That's the way the system works. If Governor Nelson had not had the money and had to raise it, it would have been a different story, but the facts are that he used his own judgment, his own money, and who could argue with that? The public knew about it. My concern is this.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I believe that disclosure of where the money comes from, where it goes, how it is spent is all important. If someone wants to contribute a million dollars to me or against me, I don't see anything wrong with that so long as the public knows where the money comes from and how it is being spent. The thing that concerns me is that we might, by the passage of this bill, drive some of the money underground, out of sight, and it might be less available, less obvious to the public, and I think that would be wrong. Therefore, I'm going to vote against the bill.

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

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, Senator Lynch, there is no one else wishing to speak so I will now recognize Senator Lindsay for closing.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. Members, this bill's a unique bill, there's no question about it. Best I can tell, it's the first time this has been considered in the country. It's something that certainly we're going to run into bugs. Certainly there's going to be things that have to be worked out. Senator Nelson and Senator Byars raised some valid concerns and those are things that I've advised both of them I'm more than happy to take a look at and let's see what we can do with them. But let's look at the concept. Senator Schmit said we hurry to do things and then we have to hurry back to change them. Colleagues, 1974 was when the feds passed their election