

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...maybe the wrath of individuals and entities of the media and being subjected to certain amounts of editorial wrath. How is a candidate supposed to counteract that? How is a candidate, in the last weeks of a campaign, going to counteract, just very frankly, a smear campaign which can be promoted without being controlled. Individuals can do it, opponents can generate that, I could do it for my opponent and if my opponent is limited, he or she is not able to raise additional money without penalty to counteract, and so I would like to have those questions answered as we proceed. I have, over the years, not received as much criticism of the cost of campaigns as we used to due to the fact that under the accountability laws...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...disclosure I think is paramount and if full disclosure is made, then I do not think there is nearly as much criticism as we used to have.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We'll move to Senator Chambers now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Senator Baack a question if I may.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Baack.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Baack, the key provision for obtaining the public funds would be found in subsection 3 of Section 4. Is that correct?

SENATOR BAACK: Which page are you on, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, on page 3.

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Starting in line 12. Each candidate desiring to receive public funds.

SENATOR BAACK: Okay, yes, I see it now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the reason I'm asking because part of the amendment you're offering goes to some of this material I think.