

Disclosure Commission. It provides that a separate Cash Fund would be kept by the commission to provide that the...to provide for public financing should someone qualify for that. There are a couple of technical changes in...three changes that are listed as technical changes. The other change is that it clarifies that only candidates running for the same public office within the same legislative district would qualify for public funds if one of the candidates chooses not to abide by the limitations and it authorizes the Accountability and Disclosure Commission to compute the amount that, the amount of public funds that a candidate qualifies for. That's the only changes that are in this. They are basically fairly technical ones that the commission said would make the bill operate more smoothly. With that, I would urge their adoption.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schmit, do you wish to address this amendment? Do you wish to address this amendment, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Just briefly, Senator Warner, and I would just want to say this. I recall a number of attempts that we have made over the years to address the accountability issue and to address the area of campaign financing. And as I indicated earlier, it is extremely difficult to handle the matter of in kind help. How do you tally up the effect of 100 livestock feeders campaigning for me as versus 5 or 10 attorneys campaigning for an opponent that you put the livestock feeders in at minimum wage and the attorneys in at their regular hourly wage or do you have some other method of accountability? How do you handle the negative or positive comments in the press that are of course a matter of record and very directly influence a campaign? How do you handle the volunteer work, some of it which is not so volunteer, by the way. The best efforts you have in this area of course will be totally misinterpreted in the long run. I know that we have a lot of conversations about campaign reform, but the facts are that this isn't going to change very much. It may, if it does anything, do that which Senator Chambers has indicated, make it easier for those of us who are incumbents to retain our seats, extremely difficult for someone who is not of an old political family or a long record in politics to be involved. I'd have to disagree just a little bit with my good friend Senator Beutler when he discusses who is a serious candidate. A great many individuals have served as members of this body, members of the Congress and even perhaps in the presidency at one time or another who were not considered