

result of discussion as I understand it from the time the bill came in last session to the point at which it was brought up this session, there was a compromise reached to take this element out of the bill in order to reach a consensus on the legislation. Now evidently, as Senator Crosby said, and I guess Senator Ashford that there are some that don't agree to that consensus and evidently it isn't a consensus but at least in my view I feel more comfortable with taking it out than putting it back in. That runs counter to some of the things I have pending. For instance, I have an amendment up to delete corporate contributions and not allow those any further, but I was frankly was going to raise the issue because that's a bill I had in the past and I thought was a good bill but I was going to drop it because everybody has seemed to have signed off on this proposal and I didn't want to disrupt the compromise that had been reached. So I guess what I'm saying is if we take the path of going down what Senator Ashford is talking about, all bets are off, and I think my amendment on corporate contributions I'll be pushing that and whoever else will want to make some other changes will be making those and I just think we ought to be very cognizant that there is I think a delicate balance here. Let me also point out that I have passed out some charts for you, chose on terms of campaigns for the Legislature, we've not been the steady increase that some people are talking about. We are spending, have spent about a million and a half dollars both in 1986 and 1990 but we dropped in '84 and '88. We were only about \$900,000 and that is not, I think, a steady increase. There is some increase obviously from the time I first came into the Legislature. Back in 1978 we spent about 360,000 on legislative races. We're now about four times that and so that's quite an increase and we have to be concerned, but when you look at the chart that I passed out, in Governor's races there you've got to really be astounded. We've gone from 1978 again when I first came in the Legislature, spending about a million six total on the campaign for Governor to over \$5 million was spent in the last gubernatorial race in 1990, a substantial increase in spending and when you think about it, if we spend between 1988 and 1990 about two and a half million on legislative races, the two elections will cover all of us under the body. That's two and half million spend on the legislative branch, but in 1990 we spent over 5 million on the executive branch. Frankly, my thinking is the legislative campaign expenditure is a problem though it may be dwarfed by the expenditures on gubernatorial races. Those are completely out of hand and that's where I think a lot of focus has to be on