

kind of contribution limitations in there, we could not get the support from the task force to work towards the passage of campaign finance reform legislation and at that point that's when I...we rewrote the bill and that's when I submitted that rewrite to the committee as a rewrite saying that we did not want to deal with the contribution side, we were simply going to deal with the spending limitation side. With that I would urge you not to adopt Senator Ashford's amendment and I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Schimek.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schimek, you have four minutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Baack. Thank you, I just have one quick thing that I'd just like to say, Senator Ashford, and I brought this up before when this was part of the bill, but I really don't think that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor should be linked like this. I think the Lieutenant Governor needs to have her own campaign funds and in addition to that I am amused that you got a \$100,000 limitation for the political parties to spend on some of these because I don't believe the political parties is going to probably come close to that. But I just...if this passes and it is attached, I would like to see an amendment later on maybe to separate those two. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Warner, members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Ashford a question because I'm reading Section 3 of the amendment. I'm not sure exactly what it does and what I would like to know is for any of these races, this appears to be the section that limits independent committees, corporations, unions, industry, trade and professional associations. As a candidate how much is my limitation of...how much am I limited from accepting contributions from any single political action committee?

SENATOR ASHFORD: For what office, I'm sorry, Senator.

SENATOR WITHEM: Legislature.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Five thousand.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. Where is that in the...

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's in Section 2.