

running for the State Legislature and the cost of running for this particular seat in the Public Service Commission and in my legislative district I serve currently three counties and portions of two others. I have no daily papers in that district. I have eight weekly papers in my district. I have one radio station and no television stations and I serve 32,000 people and yet in running for the Public Service Commission there are six daily papers in the district. That does not include the Omaha World-Herald or the Lincoln Star, but six daily papers, 52 weekly papers, 17 radio stations, 2 television stations and 320,000 people to be represented as a representative of the Fourth District, and yet under, the way this bill is written a candidate for the Legislature is limited to \$50,000 for expenditures for his or her campaign and yet a candidate in a much substantially larger district and this one which incorporates 27 counties as opposed to the three total and two parts of two others that I now represent, seems a bit not logical to me that you would limit in one campaign period a candidate, at least for in this particular case I'm talking Public Service Commission, a \$25,000 limit if you will. And I'm basically offering an amendment to take that limit to be at least equal to the limit set by this Legislature on itself and I'm just suggesting that you...if you're looking at trying to do any kind of a media package in a district like the one I just mentioned with all of those media outlets, it doesn't take long to get up to a point of \$25,000 whereas in a little, relatively little district that I represent in comparison with the Public Service Commission district that I'm now running, it seems somewhat, I won't say unfair because you'll work under the limits that you are placed under, but as I see it at least put them at the same level of the Legislature since you're serving a substantially larger area. There are only five Public Service Commissions opposed to 49 of us in this Legislature. You're serving substantially more people in a much, much broader area, so with that I would move the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: For further discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, since this bill is not going anywhere, Senator Johnson, I'm going to support your amendment and we might get you out of here for real this time. (laughter) Last time he threatened to leave, he came back. But anyway, maybe what ought to be the floor for every limit would be the amount of, or the...whatever the Legislature sets for itself, no other office should have to