

March 23, 1992      LB 556, 1292

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. We will now vote on the motion to advance LB 1292. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 1292.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 1292 is advanced. I would like to call the senators' attention to the area under the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Hillman are her daughter and son-in-law, Shari and Allan Johnston of Gering. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. We will now proceed with General File, LB 556.

CLERK: LB 556, Madam President, was a bill introduced by Speaker Baack and a number of legislators. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 22, referred to Government, advanced to General File. The bill was discussed by the Legislature on March 19. At that time committee amendments were adopted, as were a series of amendments by Speaker Baack. Senator Coordsen had an amendment. Senator Chambers, Senator Johnson, all had amendments to the bill that were adopted. The first item I have pending, Madam President, is an amendment to the bill by Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers would move to amend. (See FA320 on page 1510 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this amendment should be on your desk now, a copy of it, but I am going to tell you what it does. As you all may or may not know, the bill that we are dealing with now is the white copy in the book, and my amendment is designed to do a certain thing, and after I tell you that, I will then explain how the amendment does it. This bill, and no other bill, can put an absolute limit on what a candidate can spend on a campaign because the U.S. Supreme Court has said a person has a constitutional right to freedom of expression and association. A blanket or flat-out ban, limit against more than a certain amount being spent on political campaigns would violate the Constitution. So what this bill is attempting to do, and although I am offering this explanation, it doesn't mean I support the bill, but I want there to be a context. What this bill attempts to do is to create a system whereby a type of