

amendment solves that problem, because there is an aggregate limit on contributions of PACs, corporations, associations. So in the case of the Legislature, there is a \$5,000 limitation on each PAC contribution, and an aggregate contribution limit in this amendment of \$20,000. The amendment is on your desk. It is AM2560. It was just printed this morning and it is not in your book, but, again, I think most of you understand the issue. Most of you understand what this is trying to do, and what I call the evil that it is trying to address. The other...there is not much more I can say that is going to either convince you one way or the other, but I do believe strongly that this is a very needed piece of legislation. The...in conclusion, it has been said that if we do the limitations in Senator Baack's bill, which I support, that that will only be one-half a loaf, and I agree with that, that the other half is to limit the individual contributions. What I am afraid is that if we go ahead and pass Senator Baack's bill without dealing with what I think is a major problem in campaign finance reform, we will then, if this is tried again, the argument that will be made is we have already dealt with the problem of campaign spending, we don't need to deal with individual contributions.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: We already have a limitation, and it will be much more difficult to do something about it. We have an opportunity in this bill, and Senator Baack should be commended for bringing it to us, to solve the whole problem, to deal with the whole problem, and I apologize to Senator Baack for bringing back essentially the same amendment but, again, I was approached by senators who indicated that they did not have an opportunity to vote for this amendment last week, and so I am bringing it to the body again. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Baack, Wesely, Schmit, Hillman, Conway, Crosby, Lindsay, Warner, Abboud, and Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I had voted against this amendment when Senator Ashford brought it up Friday, but it looks more and more like this bill is definitely going to pass. Nothing in the bill, as it is constructed now, imposes a genuine limitation of any kind on anything based on the way I read the bill. You cannot get at the side where the candidate spends, but apparently you can put