

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...men and women who must use them because the products are shoddy, then why should we think that in an area of politics, which is looked down upon and demeaned by practically everybody in the society, why should we think, in that area, money is not going to have the corrupting influence that it has in every other area of life in this country including the churches. I am looking very carefully at Senator Ashford's amendment. What I said now is by way of introduction, Senator Bradford, I mean, Senator Ashford, and my time is about up so I will put on my light because I think I am going to support your amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues. This is a rerun of an amendment that we considered the last time the bill was up, and I know that Senator Ashford believes very strongly that this is the way to go with this amendment, but I have to ask you to oppose this amendment. As I work my way through the process in dealing with the various groups that were involved in trying to come to some kind of consensus on what we could support as far as campaign finance limitation, this was the one sticking point that we always came to was on contribution limitations. And we finally decided that that...that we would be able to have some kind of campaign finance limitation if we would just eliminate the contribution side and simply go on the spending-limit side. I am not sure, you know under Senator Ashford's amendment, I am not sure that, the way I read the amendment anyway, probably the only people that would be limited by these aggregates and by the amounts of money that could be accepted would be the ones that would agree to public...that would agree to the spending limitations because I think that if they don't agree to the spending limitations, they simply would be out of this also, so you would not be having any impact on the people that did not agree to the spending limitations. So I think that that is the limit of the amendment that he is offering here. So you are not going to limit those people that don't agree to the spending limitations. I am not sure, also, with the Buckley-Valeo case whether or not you can limit aggregates. I am not so sure that you can do that. I think there may be a question as to whether or not aggregates can be limited. Senator Ashford can maybe address those the next time he speaks, but I am not so sure that you can limit those