

SENATOR ASHFORD: There is an aggregation, the lobbyists' argument to the senators they don't want this changed, and what they tell the senators is, well, we could form subPACs and get around the law anyway, but that is not right. Under this amendment, they could do it to an extent, but only up to the aggregate of 20,000.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, is that...that is something new then?

SENATOR ASHFORD: No, it was in there last week.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, that is what I thought.

SENATOR ASHFORD: But the lobbyists keep saying that they could form these subgroups, but they could form them all they want, but there is an aggregate limit, and that aggregate limit is constitutional under the cases. So...

SENATOR CROSBY: Um-hmm, okay, thank you. Yeah, well, I don't have much to add to that except what I said the other day that I do get...I am very concerned about the amount of money that goes into campaigns down to the Legislature, county commissioner, whatever, because I think we have to be really careful of having elections bought. Nebraska, as a whole, and over the years has been free, I think, in a general way of that kind of thing, and if this would strengthen our ability to keep our elections really clean, then I think that is a good idea. So I am still not quite sure whether to vote for this, but thank you for answering my questions, Brad.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. Could I ask Senator Ashford some questions?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Brad, does your amendment limit contributions to only those candidates who are receiving the public funds, or does it limit all candidates?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah, at the present time, and we will have to look at it between now and Select File, at the present time, it would...I guess the answer is yes, and at the present time, the