

doesn't cost anything and that doesn't contribute anything. But that definitely is something that will be to the incumbents advantage in an election. What amount of money does it take to control a vote? What amount of a contribution does it take to cause undue influence? I'm not sure, but I do know that there is a fine line, and it might be different for every elected official. They should really make that in their own mind. But if we're going to try to write into law something that is going to be the general rule for all politicians, and I guess that's one of the problems I have with LB 556, that indeed Senator Ashford has come up with some generally good limitations on contributions. And I definitely think if we're going to have limitations on spending, we should have limitations on contributions. Two problems that there are with the amendment, and I think we can deal with them, is that it only applies to those who are receiving public funding, as I understand, Senator Ashford. But...but...well, you can answer later. But I think it should apply to all. Okay. And...and then Senator Warner, I think,...

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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...raised the question of how in the world am I to know if John Q. Public over here belongs to say an environmental association, and Miss Smith, over here, belongs to the same organization, et cetera, et cetera. Is that...is that what we have to contend with when we talk about aggregation? I think we ought to make that clear if, indeed, we do advance LB 556 at all. I don't know if I'll support 556, but I definitely think that if we do support limitations on spending, we darn well better include limitations on contributions,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...or you will have an inordinate power in the contribution.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Mr. Clerk, amendment on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Madam President. Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend the Ashford amendment. (R. Johnson amendment, FA321, appears on page 1517 of the Legislative