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PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, members, I'll raise a similar point that I raised on this issue previously, as I understand the Ashford amendment, again he's talking about limiting persons who contribute to campaigns to \$5,000 for candidates for Legislature. But then on the same line says that \$2,500 for candidates to the PSC, Board of Regents, and State Board of Education. As you recall, I raised this point of overall contributions on the floor, last week, and the fact that these regents, PSC members, and State Board of Education members often represent significantly higher population, or constituencies. I don't see where the disparity of serving in the Legislature is any different than serving in the PSC, the Board of Regents, or the State Board of Education. In fact, in many cases the territory is...is substantially larger, the constituency served are sometimes as many as ten times larger. So, again, I raise the same point. I don't see the reason for limiting a legislator, or giving a legislator \$5,000 contribution limit, whereas you are limiting these other people who are serving substantially larger population and district territories at 25. Maybe they should be reversed since, as I mentioned last Friday, I'll mention again, serve a constituency of only about 4 and 1/2 counties to the one that I'm currently seeking, which is about 27 counties. So, again, it doesn't make a lot of sense to me. And if you're going to have these kinds of limitations, then either treat everybody equally, or actually change them around, because maybe you want to base a contribution limit on the amount of constituents that you represent, something to that effect. Put a dollar amount on a constituent, if that's what you see as a way of going in this regard with 556. So, again, I offer the same basic, philosophical point that I raised on Friday, and would ask for its adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. I'll now recognize senators wishing to speak to the Johnson amendment. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Ashford. Senator Schimek. Senator Abboud. Senator Withem. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Let me explain again what I'm doing. If you have Senator Ashford's amendment in front of you, I don't have the one that the Clerk has, but it's similar in nature. On