

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1518 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 11 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. I will raise the call. Further amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill. (Chambers amendment appears on page 1519 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this is another good amendment. It would be found on page 3, in lines 16 and 17, I want to remove the following words, and then I'll explain, in amounts of two hundred dollars or less. Those are the words that I seek to remove, here is the reason for it. We adopted an amendment this morning which says that if candidate A is going to spend...not agree to abide by the spending limit, candidate B, when he or she has raised 25 percent of whatever that spending limit is, and it varies from office to office, that candidate B would then get an amount equal to the difference between the limit and the amount over the limit that candidate A is going to spend. But what still exists is the requirement that that 25 percent be raised in increments of \$200 or less. Since I and some others have expressed the same opinion, see this as an incumbents bill, or as a wealthy candidates bill, or as a candidate...as the bill of a candidate...Thank you, Mr. "Christian". (Laugh.) This is between him and me, but it's priceless. You all would pay money to see this, that's why you're not going to hear me say it, and you're not going to see it, even if you try to pay me. And, Senator Kristensen, since you gave it to me, it's mine. If you give it to anybody else, you're a thief, because you're taking back that which no longer is yours. You all won't hear it and you won't see it. Precious, priceless, a treasure. (Laughter.) Now, what my amendment does is to say that however you were, in effect, however you raised that 25 percent to reach the threshold to be entitled to public funds does not matter. You don't have to do it in the increments of \$200 or less. If you have this well-heeled candidate, or the one who can attract a lot of money, you could conceivably have a situation like the following, in one part of the state a person could be running for an office where most of the people in that district, if it's for the Legislature, would believe one way. And maybe there are