

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...public's anger would be directed to that person rather than the one who went over the limit.

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

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I...I'd like to ask a question also of Senator Beutler, if he would yield. Senator Beutler, do you see that usually, or really this bill is aimed at those who would receive public funding would be the nonincumbent. Is...is that a good assay of your feeling?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I think that would usually be the case.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. Now, in Section 6 are criminal penalties, guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor if they exceed the spending limitation by 5 percent, and then any candidate who willingly, knowingly or unintentionally underestimates his or her maximum, pursuant to Section 4, shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor. It looks to me like these are aimed at those who take public funds. Correct? There's...there's only criminal sanctions on those who take public funds. Is that my correct assessment of this?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I think there are also sanctions, and I'd have to read back through this, Senator. but I think there are also sanctions on those who file false affidavits or misrepresent...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, false...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...a number of things.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yeah, if they're willing and knowing, or if they can prove that they're willing and knowing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Um-huh, um-huh.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So, in the case of Senator Bernard-Stevens brought up, that, you know, you just wait until the end...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, you can't wait until the end. I think his example is not a good one. If I understood him, and I wasn't sure, I didn't want to speak to it because I wasn't sure