

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Will, I think maybe, as I'm talking, I recollect hearing you say that even if Senator Withem's motion is not successful, you would still vote of the bill. Is that true?

SENATOR WILL: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, then what I was going to say I will not say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Conway, you're next.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to support Senator Withem's point of discussion at least, even if it doesn't go on to fruition. I think this is something that I've noticed over time, and it goes back to what really are these findings. In many cases they are not based upon research, or based upon fact that is generated from that research, but really are nothing more than feelings. And then when we vote on those findings, if in fact we vote in the affirmative, we literally solidify and bring into reality, or bring into as if it is fact, into the legislation. In other cases we may have research and fact that we have in our findings, but if we were to vote against such a proposal, in essence we are dispelling those facts and not treating them properly in that sense. I've been sensitive to this of late, and have tried to do things that I, as things have come through in my committee, and including Senator Baack's LB 556 that we were discussing yesterday, when that came into the committee it's title was the Campaign Finance Reform Act. And some people laughed when I amended it in committee to call it the Campaign Finance Limitation Act. All it was doing is limiting campaign financing. I was not assured, in my mind, it was reforming anything, that it was improving it, or changing anything to the better, but it was a change. And I was willing to give it a title that...that simply described it as it was, and that was a limitation rather than a reform. But I think any time we start using terms like significant, staggering, these kinds of terms in those findings, that they ought to be backed up with adequate research and, in essence, proof that that be the case. Significant is, maybe my academic training is showing, but significant is a term that, in the arena that I came from, is not allowed to be used in a flippant