

things are doing. Like I say, I'll withdraw the amendment, but I think it does shed new light on what people's intent on doing this is. And Senator Kristensen, I would ask that the amendment be withdrawn.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. It is withdrawn. We are back on the bill itself. Senator Hall. Senator Hall waives. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Lindsay could have saved me some trouble if I'd have known he was going to withdraw his amendment, because I was back there checking out the definitions and the cross-references to the statutes that he had named. So if he was trying to get even with me, he did it very well, and I applaud you, Senator Lindsay, for that. Now we're back to a bill which I still think is not a good bill in terms of what it purports to do. It does not limit what a candidate can raise in funds, it does not limit what a candidate can spend. And since it doesn't limit what can be raised, nor what can be spent, it is not a campaign contribution or expenditure limitation bill. Whenever there is a course of conduct that people are inclined to engage in, meaning they want to engage in it, they are not voluntarily going to cease engaging in it. So since there are individuals and groups who want to raise large amounts of money for campaigns, and under this bill they can raise as much as they want to without penalty, there are candidates who would like to spend large amounts of money and will spend large amounts, if they get it, and there is no penalty for doing so under this bill, so they will do it. So what does the bill really do? It is a bill that expresses a hope, a wish, or a prayer that if you come among a den of...into a den of thieves, you can sit down with them and tell them that stealing is wrong because you're depriving somebody of that which is not theirs, and I hope you won't steal anymore. And that's the end of it. So then all stealing is supposed to cut out in the community, it wouldn't happen there, and it will not happen, in my opinion, under the terms of this bill. But I would like to ask Senator Baack a question, since he is the chief conspirator...the chief architect.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Baack.