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SPEAKER BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Baack, I've made some statements or assertions, is it true that under this bill a candidate can raise as much money as he or she chooses without suffering any punishment or penalty?

SPEAKER BAACK: They would not suffer any penalty, but their opponents would...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, wait a minute, let's...

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay, excuse me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, because I don't want to confuse our listeners who are kind of tired now.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yeah, yeah. You don't want all the facts, just the ones that fit your...no, go ahead. (Laughter.) Go ahead, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's why in a court of law they have a judge to whom you can make the appeal, your honor, his answers are not responsive to the question. The second question, can a candidate spend as much money as he or she can accumulate and choose to spend without penalty under this bill?

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Now, the other thing you wanted to talk about was what benefit would accrue to somebody else should the candidate raise more than a certain amount of money. Is that correct?

SPEAKER BAACK: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if you are going to get a benefit, but I'm not to be punished, then you're getting a benefit is not really a penalty against me, is it, or is it, from Kimball?

SPEAKER BAACK: Well I think it is, it allows your opponent to have a better...better financed campaign, at that point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Kimball, I mean Senator Baack. The point is, and Senator Baack did answer very