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SENATOR CHAMBERS: You agree with what I said.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, the Constitution as interpreted by Buckley v. Valeo.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Uh-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So wouldn't it be better for us to indicate, when we discuss this bill, that the only place that there is a limit is when we talk about the aggregate amount that a person can receive from these PAC's.

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's not cor...I don't agree with that interpretation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well tell me...

SENATOR ASHFORD: There is a limitation...there is a limitation on the amount that you can spend of \$50,000, meaning that you can spend \$50,000,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...above that the public spending kicks in to the..your opposing party. So I think that is a limitation when you can..you can spend up to 50 before public spending kicks in. That, in my view, is a limitation without a prohibition in the sense that you cannot be fined or jailed, I guess, for going over the...the amount.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There is no mandatory lim...or mandated limit, though. There is no enforceable limit.

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so then in reality there is no limit as the ordinary person would understand the meaning of that word, or the ordinary person.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I disagree. I think the public will look at this and see that there's a limitation of \$50,000.