

not, and I'm looking again at the fiscal note and you have in there, or actually in the green copy, excuse me, the bill provides for a \$2,000 exemption and for certain allowable deductions. Would you iterate for me what...why the exemption and what particular deductions would a campaign that would not be subject to a tax?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, with regard to the exemption, it's a \$2,000 exemption. It's based on a practical consideration I guess and that is that there is no reporting requirement for amounts of \$2,000 and less, so we start with that fact. There's no magic to that. You could work that several ways I suppose. The allowable deductions are outlined on page 2, starting with line 6. It includes funds spent for meals, lodging, fees and travels by an officeholder and his or her staff for professional meetings, seminars, et cetera. (B) Funds spent for books, magazines and other printed materials related to duties of the office.

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And the third major categories, as you see, are legal fees and expenses which directly relate to the election contest.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Would you have any opposition if an amendment were filed that would delete the deductions and simply say, any, all monies that you spend regardless of its use of campaign funds, that that would have, all of that would not be a deductible on the amount that would be taxed?

SENATOR BEUTLER: In a pure philosophic sense, Senator, I would have no objection. In a practical political sense, I would not want that amendment to be adopted if it soured the rest of the body on the bill.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: But the only way to find out if the milk is good or sour is to take a taste, I assume, so I just put you on notice that I may want to offer that amendment just to see what happens and to test the taste buds of the body.

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.