

ycs as long as you understand (interruption).

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay, and then you follow that up with, in the next section, by indicating that if, for example, all of a candidate's contributors were to indicate that, that the candidate, themselves, would have to pay the tax for them. Is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The candidate, himself, is personally liable ultimately for the tax as with all other income taxes. That's right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So my scenario or any portion of...let's say it was 50/50, the candidate, in addition to the filing fees and all the sweat, toil, and all those other things that candidates end up having to sacrifice as a part of being involved in this marvelous process, I'm not saying that facetiously, probably sounded like it though, would end up in addition having to come up with the tax on, in my example, half of the contributions they received.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I don't think there would ever really be a situation where a candidate would have to come up with any tax out of their own pocket. What they would need to do is to be sure that they did not have too many contributors of that type. There's a kind of tension built into this...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Uh-huh.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...into this interplay of provisions, and they would have to be sure that they didn't have too many contributors of that type so that...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So they would have to kind of manipulate their...

SENATOR BEUTLER: So they had other funds to take the tax out of.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Hudkins, your light is next. Excuse me, Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the desk.