

go along with that, unless someone, at some point, gives us better information, and I assume that you're absolutely correct on that. And, I guess, I'm going to vote no, and I may be the only red vote on there, simply because I think, to be...to use a poor word in politics, to try to be pure on this issue on the amendment or Senator Stuhr will appreciate the comment, to try to be consistent on this particular amendment, that I really don't think we need to have any type of deductions no matter what the reason. And so I will oppose it. I think it's just going to make it a lot simpler, but I understand Senator Maurstad's reasons for the amendment, and, Senator Maurstad, I would not be broken up or saddened or anything if your amendment would pass. I see the logic in it and understand it. I'm going to vote no simply to...because if we're going to have deductions, we might as well, I mean, if we're not going to have deductions, I think it's cleaner and easier if we just don't have any, period. So that's the basis of my no vote. I...if the amendment passes and the rest of it stays deleted, that would be fine with me as well.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Hall, on the Maurstad amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I'm no longer copacetic today. The amendment that's in front of us, as I understand it, Senator Maurstad, and correct me if I'm wrong, Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Bernard-Stevens, your amendment would strip subsection 1 of Section 2. Is that correct? You take out all of the deductions?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just on page 2, lines 6 through 16 would be subsection 1, yes, subsection of Section 2, yes.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you very much. And, Senator Maurstad, your amendment would reinstate (c) of subsection 1 of Section 2. Correct?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: That's correct, Senator.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you. I would rise in support of Senator Maurstad's amendment but I would oppose the Bernard-Stevens amendment. And it would be easier to oppose them both but, at a minimum, the legal fees expenses paid, with regard to election contests ought to stay in. I sat on the Exec Board at the time Senator Warner was chairing it when we dealt with this specific