

pay income tax, not to support other candidates, but to pay for that campaign. And I, again, see that we're moving in this area merely for the reason to find a way to fund the program and that, I think, is a...it's, I guess, it's a good end that's served but the means doesn't justify the end, in this case, not for me anyway. I think what we do is we make the whole issue of campaign contributions continue to be one that becomes more and more complex, not, I guess, easier or more efficient to function. The question with regard to the income tax and the liability, it says the candidate committee shall annually file a tax return with the Department of Revenue on or before January 31 for the prior calendar year. The tax shall be due with the return. Do we have an idea, Senator Beutler, have we talked to the Department of Revenue? Do we know what the return is going to look like? If you would respond.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I don't think they've made up a form yet, if that's what you're asking. I'm sure they haven't. They never do until a bill is passed.

SENATOR HALL: And my question is this, well, they sometimes talk about how they can't make up a form, depending on if it was going to go beyond a page or two or the company computer costs that will be associated with anything that might flow out of the Department of Revenue. But, anyway, the question is, what is the cost associated with developing the form, having the Department of Revenue collect the revenue, collect the tax, and then remit the tax...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...to the Campaign Finance Limitation Cash Fund? What are we talking...do we have an idea, is there an A bill that's associated with this bill or a fiscal note?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, there is no A bill.

SENATOR HALL: And the reason I ask that, Senator Beutler, is looking at some of the stuff, and I'm sure there will be computer costs or software costs that are associated with this, knowing the Department of Revenue, we would probably be better off just making a General Fund appropriation to the fund over and above the 50,000 that's in the budget and not implementing the income tax. I am not sure, what are the projected revenues that will flow from the adoption of 548?