

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, Senator Beutler, I appreciate the fact that you are looking for a way to fund what you see is a problem, because, as we all know, campaigns are very expensive and we do want to open it up to everyone to serve in a public office. But, in my opinion, this bill is not the way to do it. I see a lot of problems in it and I've mentioned some of those to you on page 2. You said also that the candidate committee has to supply a form to the contributor that says no part of my contribution shall be used to pay the income tax. Well, the fact is the income tax still has to be paid, and, in essence, it's going to come out of the campaigner's pocket one way or the other. So, saying all of that, I will say that I will be supporting Senator Maurstad's amendment. I will be opposing Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment and then I will be in opposition to the entire bill. And, Senator Hall, you may have the rest of my time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall, four minutes.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, and thank you, Senator Hudkins. And, Senator Beutler, I would touch again on Section 4 that Senator Hudkins just mentioned. The candidate committee would be required to develop a form for the receipt of income. Senator Beutler, what would that include?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I think it could be the simplest form of receipt form. Standard receipt forms that are used every day in business transactions would suffice, I would think.

SENATOR HALL: But it would have to...

SENATOR BEUTLER: If it would be more amenable to you, we could have Accountability Commission do a short form, I'm sure it would take almost no effort.

SENATOR HALL: Well, I'm just thinking in terms of...and it would have to be more than just a receipt book because it would have to also include a method for the next line where it says, a contributor to designate his or her contribution shall not be used to pay any portion of a candidate campaign committee income tax. Right?