

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend with AM1202. (AM1202 appears on page 1282 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, maybe I'm just tired, maybe it's the whole day sessions that I'm not used to and I get a little cranky or something, but I get a little frustrated on this particular issue. And I remember back when Senator Baack presen...brought a lot of those bills and I was one of the few people that voted against it and I got a lot of flak from them. They said, how could you be against limiting the cost of campaigns? And I said simply because there was not any money to fund it. So I voted no, got a lot of flak. Senator Beutler, was in here on every possible way he could for the last couple years trying to find some way to finance this campaign finance statute that we have. Every time, the body said no, we're not going to do it that way, we're not going to do it that way. Now we like the idea and we're not going to fund it. And I sense we're going to the same thing here. We have a bill before us and I don't sense, maybe I'm wrong, but I sense there's a lot of opposition to it. My fear is we're going to do the same thing. We're going to have a statute out there and we're not going to fund it and this won't go either. So my amendment is very simple. It repeals the whole thing. It goes back to the initial campaign reform act and repeals it. We're not going to have to worry about funding it because it won't be there if this amendment is agreed to. But, on the other hand, if we don't repeal the entire section, then, by golly, we better fund it and let's quit "mamsy-pamsying" around. So the amendment that we put before us now that came down from bill drafting and I'll try to get copies, but it's real simple, is that it strikes the original sections and all amendments thereto and inserts the following new section. The following sections are outright repealed, Sections 32-1601 to 32-1609 and so on, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Section 32-1610 and Supplement 1994 are repealed. That's the nature of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. On the Bernard-Stevens amendment, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature,