

candidate can come up with financing, and that is really not a restriction on a good, viable candidate for any public office in Nebraska. Hard work can overcome many of the pitfalls that, or lack of mon...can overcome many of the instances where the lack of money is a factor. It can be overcome by hard work, shoe leather, if you will, and many other ways. And for the State of Nebraska potentially to get into funding this with General Funds bothers me no end, and so I will feel much more comfortable if we would just do away with this concept, and I would support Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY PRESIDING

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the reason I will support Senator Ber...let me ask Senator Bernard-Stevens a question to make sure I understand what his amendment would do.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bernard-Stevens, rather than me phrase...rather than my phrasing a question to you, will you tell me again what it is that your amendment will do, as briefly as you can?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: This amendment simply strikes the Campaign Finance Reform Act that we passed I think about 1972.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I might be as idealistic as anybody on this floor, but I think I am more realistic. I don't think there is such a thing as campaign reform legislation that means anything. None of it is going to do any good. None of it is going to get rid of corruption. None will get rid of the venality. None of it is going to do anything to improve the current status of politics. These bills, whether at the state or federal level, are based on the premise that by and large crooks are the ones who run for office, and if crooks we be, our job and our stock and trade is our ability to stay one jump ahead of the Keystone cops because we are always scheming and plotting a way to get around the