

exceed those spending limits and what it might cost? I know Senator Robinson was talking to you about millions, I'd like to talk to you about thousands. Do you have some idea?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I do, and what we looked at, because we are looking at legislative races, for purposes of this last go-around...Senator, let me start talking while he...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER ...is getting the sheet of paper, but in 1990 there were four or five legislative races...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Um-hmm.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that where there was one candidate who went over the fifty...at least one candidate in each race that went over the \$50,000 limitation. There were four or five races like that. The total amount of money that was involved, that could have been spent for campaign financing was about 50,000. Those kinds of figures are almost exactly the same for '92. There were four or five races that was roughly \$50,000. And in the latest set of races, it was higher. It was about \$130,000 that conceivably could have been spent. Now that makes the assumption that in each of those cases, those people would have gone over the limit anyway, would not have chosen to stay within the campaign expenditure limitation. I think they would have chosen, at least half of them probably, maybe all of them, hopefully, would have chosen to stay below the limitation so that the total amounts paid out would have been considerably less than 50,000 in 1990, and considerably less than 50,000 in 1992, and considerably less than 129,000, or whatever it was, in '94.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So, basically, that is what you are basing the thing that you handed out on, and I guess in your own mind you think that that's probably a realistic way to approach this whole thing, and there would be, then, that kind of money available at the time that it was needed. Is that your supposition?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, but, again, you know, Senator, the figures that are here on this sheet are estimated...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yeah, I understand.