

amendment. What I am asking you is the concept of the repeal of the Campaign Finance Limitation Act, was that before a committee? Did that have a public hearing this year?

SENATOR BERNAPD-STEVENSON: No.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. It has become clear to me just today through the help of my staff that sometimes as we do things in the Legislature that we sometimes, without intention, overlook that we are here to support the will of the public, and that it is the public that we are here to create laws and rules to help make a better life for. If this piece of legislation, this amendment that we have before us, did not have the opportunity to have a public hearing, if it did not have the opportunity for the people who we represent to have their input into it, rightly, wrongly, pro or con on this issue, then I would suggest that no matter what we think of this particular amendment that we vote it down simply based on the fact that the public did not have its input to this. And I think the public certainly has a right to express their opinions,...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...both those who believe, both those who believe that this is a good idea, and those who believe it is not a good idea. I think this amendment would be better placed in a piece of legislation that should come before us at another time, rather than come in this form. With that, I would conclude by hoping that we would vote this down, that the discussion would center, as Senator Bromm has suggested, on the actual legislation that is before us, and on the concept of what else we might be able to do to further the cause of campaign finance reform. Thank you very much.

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

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I guess I will start by asking Senator Beutler a question or two. It is not so much on this amendment, but to refresh my mind or memory on this, what you are proposing to do, if I'd raised \$10,000 in campaign funds, that I would owe a percent and a half or \$150 in income tax to go into that fund. Is that right?