

Yeah, they broke the limit, yeah, the opponent is going to get some money, but it will be after the election is over. No one has talked about the fact that even with 548 the way it is, maybe I am going to organize ten separate committees for the election of Senator Bernard-Stevens. Each one can raise \$2,000 exempt. No one has talked about that. But what we have talked about is parts of the bill that people would like to see exempted. On 548, there is a series of deductions that you wouldn't have to pay for. We would like to have our campaign funds, so we can use it to buy books, we can use it to go on trips, as far as legislative trips, we can use them for staff development, and we never want to pay taxes on that. So even as we are debating 548, we are trying to take monies out that would be taxed because we don't want it taxed; and the amount goes less and less. It is time to simply talk about the policy. If we are not going to fund it, let's don't have the policy, and on the other hand, if this amendment fails, then it should be no question that those same people who voted not to agree with this amendment should without question vote for 548. Because if you vote the amendment down and you vote for...you don't vote for 548, we have sung the same song again, and we are going to look as foolish as we have been for the last couple of years. Don't tell me you can go to your constituents and say we've got a tough campaign finance law; oh, by the way, we haven't funded it. Because your constituents will say, that is fine, fund it. Oh, by the way, how are you going to fund it? Well, we are going to use taxpayers' dollars. I don't think so, they will say, and we won't have the votes to do that. So it is a dilemma, and Senator Chambers, to some degree, he would say to all degree, I would say to some degree is right. On campaigns you get what you get.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: People are going to spend what they want to spend, and I will give my last minute of my closing to Senator Brashear, if he would like to have it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Fifty seconds, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: More time than that, so I will go ahead and simply say I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment. All those in favor