

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That doesn't seem like much of an inhibition, to me, in terms of what you're trying to do here.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It's more inhibition, Senator Beutler, than we have in the law at present.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's true. That's true. What does it mean to say associated with when you're associated with a business?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That term is defined by the Accountability and Disclosure Act.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That is the terminology it uses.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, good. And I don't know, you know, I don't know if these fines, these kinds of fines and penalties can go into the Campaign Finance Reform Act, but would you mind putting them in there if...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Not at all.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Laughter.) And, finally, if I understood you correctly, one of the rationales or philosophies behind this act is to discourage very wealthy people from essentially buying campaigns and getting their money back if they win. Right?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It is meant to discourage very wealthy people. We have an instance in our political history where someone had a million dollars and they spent a million dollars of their own money to try and win a race and they did not, but they spent it. They didn't utilize it and leverage it and repay it. This is not designed against wealthy people, it's designed to be for the people and against no one, basically, but it says that if you...

SENATOR BEUTLER: The only people that can loan themselves those huge amounts of money...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.