

going to deal with issues such as this and whether we are willing to let the public know what our position is, that part of the public which may have any interest in what it is that we do and how we vote. These kind of bills I have not supported. I don't think they are effective at the federal level, they are not effective at the state level. Right now too much money has been injected into politics. The mass media earn money from it. All different types of operations from consultant firms to political action groups have all had a part in making politics a very expensive endeavor. Once any enterprise becomes this infected with money there is a virtual impossibility existing in trying to change that and reverse it. Already the cost of running for the Legislature is so high that in certain districts it's impossible for a person of ordinary or modest means to spend at a level equivalent to that which is going to be reached by the incumbent. I don't think that any office should allow, or we should not allow under the law any person running for any office to spend more than what the salary of that office will be. If a person is running for a nonsalaried office, they should be allowed to spend \$500 just so that they will have the opportunity to do something to let the public know they are serious. But until somebody offers a bill which ties the amount of money which can be spent in a campaign to the amount of the salary, then I don't believe they are sincere. Let me change that. They're not serious. I believe that there are people sincerely bringing bills, but they're wide of the mark. They are nibbling around the edges. They will give the appearance or impression that something of value is being done when really nothing is. I know this is a bill that Common Cause supports because I got a call from one of their members. There are organizations which will reach a point where they have got to get a legislative victory. They have got to get something passed by the Legislature to show that they are effective and there is a basis for soliciting funds. I think Common Cause does a lot of good, but I don't think so much of them that I'll vote for a bill like this with which I disagree. I don't believe it's going to reform politics, I don't believe it's going to reform campaign spending. I think it's one of those feel good bills that has the appearance and sound of being of value. Somebody on the other side might ask, if it does not do the amount of good that Chambers says, what harm will it do? I think in this whole area harm is done when politicians enact legislation which is designed to give the public the notion that something of value and significance is being done. That is not the case here. I hope Senator Beutler will note that I didn't