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offer my biscuit and chicken wing amendment this time because I did not want to turn it into as frivolous an idea as my personal opinion causes me to believe that it is. Others apparently are taking it very seriously. I hope it does not advance. I hope it does not pass. I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute, by the way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I always time it to that point. Senator Beutler, why would you not tie the limit of what can be spent on a campaign to the salary paid for that particular office which is being sought?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Because I think the value of the services that you and I do, Senator, are far in excess of the salary.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But should we have to purchase the office or should our activities in the office justify people or persuade them to vote for us?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, the persuasion comes in a number of different forms and as you know, name recognition for example, is one of the form, or one of the reasons why a great many people vote for one candidate or another. Name recognition is greatly affected by both performance here but also simply affected by the amount of campaign material that can be produced and put out over a short period of time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, I understand there is an item on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM1245. (AM1245 appears on pages 1324-29 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.