

campaigns. But if an individual decided to spend large amounts of money to seek an office, and there is a candidate, by the way I consider myself very serious in the fact that I've labored in this briar patch for 25 years and have worked assiduously demonstrates my seriousness of purpose and I'm not tied to one issue, but I don't raise campaign money. If the Legislature is adopting a policy which says that...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Brashear, Maurstad, Chambers and Beutler.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, first of all I want to make it very clear that I strongly support what Senator Beutler is trying to do here, but I do have some concerns and worries and, Senator Beutler, if I could I'd like to ask you just a couple of questions about your intentions with this bill. If we get past this discussion today and we advance this bill to Select File without funding, then you will propose some other kinds of funding on Select File?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I don't plan to have any sort of extended debate, but I do, in all honesty, I probably will take one last shot at it with everybody here on whatever I can discern to be, after talking to everybody, the best possibility.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So if we are unable to come to any kind of a consensus on what the funding should be for this, you would recommend that the bill go forward anyway?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Oh absolutely. I mean the law is in place. I think we should see what happens with it. I mean it may be everybody will stay within the limitation, it may be the other sources of funding might be enough, but...and maybe there's some private funds that might come up, show up, I don't know. There are lots of other possibilities out there.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler, I think maybe then you and I might part ways on that very point because I think it would be irresponsible of this Legislature to go ahead and not put some more funding into this bill and you know one of the things that the Government Committee did several years was look into the whole campaign finance reform in other states. And one of the things that we found in a couple of states, Wisconsin in particular, and that's all I remember right now, but people started dropping off on abiding in Wisconsin and one of the