

reasons they quit abiding was because the money wasn't there. First of all, Wisconsin had built into their law a cost of living factor so that the amount increased a little bit every year which we don't have built into our bill and we may need to consider doing something like that. But secondly, they didn't have the money in their treasury to meet those candidates who did abide, whose opponents didn't and what they did then is they began prorating these funds. Well naturally if the amount goes down that those who are abiding actually receive the amount or percentage of compliance is also going to go down and that concerns me. I think...I mean I hate to relate this to another issue but I think of the whole Commonwealth issue and I know that you were one who warned about that issue, but you know the state needs to meet its obligations and if the state feels this is good public policy, then I think it needs to have the money on hand. Now you may be absolutely right, we may not need much money the first year, but I think it's possible that we will and especially since these figures are still at say \$50,000 for the Legislature which is what they were when the bill advanced in 1992 and we haven't done anything with those. You know, there may not be as many people abiding as we would like to think and so I have a real concern...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...about funding and I would encourage us to look long and hard on Select File at other kinds of variations. You know one of the things that I will propose on Select File is if we don't fund, that we don't fund in the primary for instance, we just fund in the general election because that will give us more of an idea of what funding will actually be required rather than in a primary situation when you don't know how many candidates there are actually going to be and how much funding is going to be required. So with that caution I would say I would be supportive of your amendment but I think it's critical that we find the funding on Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in support of the Beutler amendment. That may even surprise me but I'd like to recount what I have observed happening here in the body. I think we are all responsible, one to another as a whole, whether we're present or absent, whether we were then elected or we were not. Two years ago this body in its wisdom