

can't raise a certain amount of money you're not a serious candidate and that seems to contradict the whole principle of this so-called reform. This reform is supposed to get away from the idea that offices are to be bought, that the ability to raise money is to be the determining factor of who gets the office. Not only is it the determining factor of who gets the office, it becomes a determining factor of who can qualify for this public money whose purpose is to get away from that notion. You cannot by legislation correct the problems that Senator Beutler perceives. When the "Repelicans" couldn't take over the Congress and the Senate they pushed hard for term limits. Now that they have taken over they will not pass a term limits bill in the House. The House is not going to pass a term limits bill because it's going to cut those who got there saying they supported it. That shows the cynicism of politicians, the dishonesty of politicians. The fact that by and large they will do and say anything to get in office.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then once there, they have the power to defeat and frustrate the very things they said they would support once they got there. When they got on the inside and began to see the good life within the beltway they became quickly addicted and said I like this. I don't want to change it. Now that we've got a different rider on top of the horse, we see the problem is not the horse, it was the rider and now that we've corrected that let's not say that you killed this horse after so many and so many terms. This bill, Senator Beutler's amendment, are like words blowing in the wind. And I have a question I want to put to Senator Brashear, but since my time is almost up I'll do it the next time I get a chance to speak.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Witek, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Blowing in the wind, that's an interesting expression. Actually it came about from the 1960s as many of you of my vintage or older will remember as a Bob Dylan song. Blowing in the wind, and it was about change and it was about the possibility of reform and it was about the possibility of federal legislation making civil rights, real rights, to millions of black people in this country. And I don't think there is anyone here that doubts that those laws had a