

forms that a treasurer has to pay attention to and be sure we're doing the right thing, that puts a burden on people like that. So that's why I just have some reluctance here to do anything too quickly and I know that we should seize a time to make a decision and try to do it right...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...but it still seems to me that we have so many questions from so many of us that I'm not sure advancing this bill today is even the right answer. I'm not sure that not advancing is. I'm a big help, aren't I, Chris? I really helped you, didn't I? I think I just stood up here because I did have my light on earlier, so people would understand why I didn't vote for the amendment and probably am not going to vote for the bill. I just don't feel like it's in the kind of shape that we would like to have it. I think it's just very difficult for all of us to decide how much we're going to spend, how much we're not going to spend. Legislative races should not cost a whole lot. I really mean that. We should not be going out raising huge sums of money for legislative races. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Wesely and Maurstad.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will begin by asking Senator Brashear the question that I had been talking about earlier. Senator Brashear, without trying to repeat everything that you said with reference to your attitude toward this bill, was your idea that Senator Beutler has worked so hard on this proposition that various proposals with reference to funding had been presented to the body and rejected, a proposal to repeal the original underlying law had been presented and rejected, therefore, rather than leave Senator Beutler twisting in the wind you will vote to advance this bill? Is that basically what you said?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That is what I said, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, is that your position with reference to this bill or is that your general philosophy of reference to legislation?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: As I listened to the debate and participated in the process, that is simply what occurred to me to be the