

if this bill comes to a vote and the amendment that you supported which has been added to this bill, do you now support the enactment of this bill into law without a funding provision?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: No, sir, I do not. I rose to support moving this from General to Select File, period.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In other words, we'll delay the battle to another day and another location in the process. Is that your feeling?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, I think in part that is it. And I think then we can examine the issues that you've raised. I think you're unique, but the issues you raise ought to be considered, the issue of limitations ought to be considered, and since the body doesn't want to repeal it, we ought to be looking at everything we can creatively to fund it, particularly since Senator Beutler has sent the signal that he wants to do a one-time trial run. Maybe everybody could make up their mind if we did a next cycle...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...test case.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, we know why a lot of people are absent today, I've had bills. I had a motion to pull a bill from committee and it was so hot and volatile that people disappeared. But as soon as that vote was taken, people came back, and you can read the Journal and see it. Senator Beutler, you know that you have a hot potato here, as long as you've been here, and I think you know that not everybody is sick, not everybody is gone to a funeral, not everybody suddenly had some emergency which makes it impossible for them to be on the floor. There, I think, is going to be a dearth of people when time comes to cast a final vote on this. People don't want to support it, but they don't want to seem to be against campaign financing reform. I cannot support the bill. I have a couple of other things I'll ask Senator Brashear, but I need just a little more time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to urge the body to advance LB 548 to Select File. I do that because I was