

the public that we were, as a body, standing up and saying we're going to put some limits on campaign spending. All we have to do is find the dollars for it. And Senator Beutler, to his credit over the years, has tried to find this fund and the Legislature said, no. And he tried to find that fund, and the Legislature said, no. And even last week, and unfortunately with the blizzard out in the western part of the state I was not here. If I would have been here I would have voted to advance 528 (sic) in its form that had the spending in it. But my understanding is that spending portion, the funding portion was taken out. And even at that the bill did not advance, it only had 17 votes, which clearly shows to me that the body does not wish to fund it. We cannot find a funding source that anyone will agree upon. And every year we say, well, let's just keep the law and we'll find a funding source. I just don't know of one out there anymore. And so that's why I offered the amendment, came to the conclusion that we're not going to be able to fund it, let's end the hoax, let's just don't do it if we're not going to fund it. The amendment came up last week and it failed. Senator Witek came back the next day, looked at that and decided that she wanted to reconsider that, which brings us to the motion today. What happens? If this reconsideration motion is agreed to, all that means is that the amendment that I had last week is able to be reconsidered, which means that if 528 (sic) comes up again, or for Senator Beutler's sake when 528 (sic) comes up again and we have discussions, whatever amendment Senator Beutler may be able to work out with other interest groups, whatever he thinks he may be able to do, his amendments and his options and his attempts to move the bill forward will be before us, and also my amendment will be there as well. And my amendment will be there as well saying that if we don't have any funding, if we're not going to do any funding then we will at least be able to vote on eliminating the policy, so that all the choices will be there. This reconsideration vote is not a vote on the amendment. You can vote to reconsider to say I'd like to have all of the options on the table. And I would tell people, and I tell Senator Beutler this, I would not put my motion, if my amendment were the first one up, if 528 (sic) came up for discussion in the future, I would not run that amendment first. In fact I would wait and give Senator Beutler the chance to find a way to do what he'd like to do on 528 (sic). And if again the body said we're not going to fund it, we're not going to do anything, then I would put the amendment forward. But I want to be equally clear so that the body understands that even if that happens the law will not be eliminated, because I would