

of this is how do we limit campaign spending. And the answer to that is you can only do it through an effort like this bill has proposed in allowing for public financing and only in those cases where the opponent has exceeded the campaign spending limits. Now, for those who oppose this, laying out that scenario, it seems to me that if you don't offer a better solution, what you're saying is that we don't have a problem with campaign financing because there are no other alternatives that are being offered that are better solutions to the problem. So don't try and characterize yourself with being concerned about campaign spending or wanting to see something done about it. You just haven't seen the right solution. You have a responsibility, too.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: If you don't like this proposal, come up with a better one. Senator Beutler has strived long and hard to come up with what he can to deal with the issue. If you don't like what he's come up with, then come up with a better idea. Let me tell you that the \$100,000 that Senator Beutler would like to put in here, however much money we might need, it's kind of ironic that the next bill up after the takings bill will be LB 425. We can find \$6 million to put into a fund to let the Governor do what he wishes in terms of economic development, we're not quite sure what will happen, where the money will go. We can find \$6 million for that, but we can't find \$100,000 so we can take a first step to try and put limitations on campaign financing, campaign spending. I think we can find the money. I think we've got the money, it's just a question of whether or not you're willing to take the leadership on this or whether you want to ignore the problem. So I've come to the conclusion that there's no reason to repeal the bill that we've passed, there's every reason to move forward and try and find a solution to the problem. I'd ask you to reject the Witek amendment...Witek motion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, I stand in strong opposition to the Witek amendment (sic) because, primarily because of its timing. I think it's premature. I don't believe that we have had the full opportunity to discuss all the options that may be out there for us this year. This is a senator's priority bill. I think that