

constitutionally permissible. That's why they are using public financing, because the Supreme Court said that you had to enter into it voluntarily. You can't put these limitations on PAC funding, as I think Senator Wesely said something, because I've suggested many times to put limitations on those types of things, and every time I do it, Senator Schimek, who was head of the Government Committee, told me it is not constitutional or the Council on...everything I ever suggested was nonconstitutional because there have been suggestions. I have suggested plenty of ways to do this, but they always tell me, the Council, and Senator Schimek and others, well, that's not constitutional. The only thing that is constitutional is public financing. Well, I don't agree with public financing, and I think if you explained to people that they were going to be using tax dollars, tax dollars, to finance, that that's what public financing meant, and that they have no idea how much is spent on these campaigns. Pam Brown just told me that her opponent spent \$110,000 on the campaign for the Legislature. If we use the \$50,000 limit that is set in this language, that is \$60,000, public dollars, that would go to the opponent if they spent less than \$50,000. That is how this reads. If you get out Section 32 in the elections here, 1603 and 4, this is...it tells you exactly what you have got in place.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: Know what you have got in place before we vote on this. This is public money, and you can say that people agree with it no matter how much you talk to them, but, number one, they don't know how much is being spent and how much it will cost, and they don't know that it is their tax dollars that you are talking about here, and that number of their tax dollars because people in my district are screaming, cut spending. That's what they are telling me, cut spending, over and over again, and that's what I continually try to do. So if you want a solution to the financing, then make it that people have to make an ethical promise, and I think I did that, in front of the press and everybody, that they are not going to spend over a certain amount of money because you are not going to use my tax dollars, if I can help it, to finance these outrageously expensive campaigns of a candidate who will do anything to get elected, and it is getting worse and worse, and if you have people who do that, then use the public knowledge to stop that from happening, but don't use the public money to stop that from happening. So I'm asking you to reconsider ..