

comes to taxes and spending and that kind of thing. But they recognize that campaign spending throughout the entire country has gotten totally out of control. We have examples all the time of people simply trying to buy their way into office, and that smacks against my idea of what...of what the American system...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...(interruption). I think in a small way, in a very Nebraska way, the philosophy behind this legislation ought to stand, and we ought to work harder to find a source of funding. And I think if we do, and we try it for an election cycle or two, and it doesn't work, then we take it out. But, for heaven sakes, let's give it a try and let's find a way to use it for at least an election cycle. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I don't want to dwell too long arguing the bill again because I think the critical question is whether there is any procedural practicality to this motion, which I think there is not, and which I think should be the basis for your decision. But I just wanted to make a couple of remarks in response to some of the things that were said, and I wanted to take note of something else that we are doing this session, which actually made me very proud of the Legislature, and that was the original concept of the two-tier system with respect to initiative petitions. You know that is something that was developed over a summer and fall. It's an, as far as I know, it's an original idea out of Nebraska, by and large. Or at least I don't know anybody else that is trying it. And we are doing it because, one, we have a problem distinguishing between paid and unpaid volunteers, and, two, we have a problem that we have to face off against or deal with the Constitution, and whether the Constitution is going to allow us to use this original solution to resolve a problem. And this Legislature has said very strongly, yes, we've got a problem. We want to test the Constitution and see if we can do this because it is a darn good solution to the problem. And, essentially, the same thing is going on here. That's what I am asking you to do here. Is there a problem with campaign expenditures? I think most of us would answer yes, if we were being honest about it. Can we deal with the problem directly? No, we can't because the Supreme Court has told us that we