

cannot. And so we have come up with a unique Nebraska solution to the problem that is deserving both of a practical test and of the test as measured against the Constitution. And it may well be with respect to both of these matters that Nebraska will show the way to the rest of the nation. It will show the way of how to deal with paid versus unpaid circulators, and it can show the way of how to deal with limiting campaign expenditures without spending any or a substantial amount of public money, and that's really what's going on here in a larger context, and I hope you will think about it in a larger context. This is real meaningful stuff, and, potentially, very advantageous kinds of leadership kinds of things that Nebraska is doing. The...I listened closely to Senator Pirsch's remarks, and over and over again, we hear this fact that the public doesn't like public financing. And I tell you therein lies the genius of the bill, and I ask you to think about it one more time. It is their hate of public financing that is going to make this work, because the first candidate that exceeds the limitation and causes the spending of public money on the other candidate is not going to be in favor with the public, by everybody's admission. Everybody has been standing up here and saying the public hates public financing, and that's why this is going to work. Because if I was in a race, and my opponent went above the limitation and caused the spending of public funds, I'd be on the radio, I'd be in the newspapers, I'd be all over the place talking about how this guy can't keep his spending down, can't get his message out without using public financing, and that's going to hurt. And that's why nobody is going to do it, nobody is going to do it. It's the very argument against the bill that is the argument for the bill. It's the psychology that we all agree is correct, that makes it work. So I'm getting back to (interruption)...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the bill again, but I just wanted to run those things by you. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I don't know how Senator Beutler stands up here and gives such a measured, well-reasoned argument, when somebody is attacking his bill to the death, but I commend him for it. I would just like to add just a couple of thoughts. You know, this whole public