

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Brashear, if you would respond, I just wanted to follow up and I apologize if you answered this question to Senator Wesely. The issue of the \$2,000 threshold, does that apply here? In other words, once \$2,000 has been spent in a campaign, is there a requirement that reporting be...a report be made to accountability, or does that apply at all?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Hall, I recognize the 2,000 limitation. I did not refresh myself on all the other provisions of our accountability and disclosure act. I'm standing here wondering, yes, we have requirements that if you spend \$2,000, you have to report, but I'm...

SENATOR HALL: That's if you're running for office.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...in doubt, I'm in doubt whether an individual spending their own personal funds.

SENATOR HALL: And that, I think when you are running for office, but I don't know myself if it applies whether or not if you are assisting, and now under the McIntyre, here, decision, I am not sure what impact this has at all. I mean I am supportive of the amendment, I am just curious as to what overall impact this is going to have except for it is going to be extremely interesting for future campaigns down the road when anonymous types of leafleting are now, I guess not only eligible, but constitutionally protected. So with that, I do rise in support of the amendment and urge its adoption. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Brashear, I am rising very reluctantly to support your amendment. I think this is going to...this court decision is going to cause untold problems, unimagined problems in the body politic, not only in this state, but in other states as well. I guess my only question to you at this particular point is, do we have to do this this year? Could we wait until next session?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: In the opinion of the...I think we could wait, Senator Schimek, but I think what we face is the fact that