

CLERK: 6 ayes, 18 nays on the motion to overrule the Chair, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk...the Chair is not overruled. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Beutler. Senator, I have AM1700 in front of me. I have a note you wish to offer a substitute amendment, Senator. (See FA290 found on page 2503 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator, Senator Beutler is asking unanimous consent to substitute, is there an objection? There appears to be none. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, this amendment simply does one thing. It delays the implementation of this particular exemption for one year. Okay. That is all it does. If you see fit to delay the implementation for one year, then I will come in next year at the beginning of the next session and ask the Appropriations Committee to appropriate the money we've saved by doing this from the General Fund to the Campaign Finance Reform Fund. So that once again, and I am back to my old arguments, I am trying to fund the Campaign Finance Reform Act, which we've all voted into place. It exists. We need to find the financing for it. Now, technically, you know, I am not going to be able to hold anybody to their promise, but I would like to operate on that understanding that if you vote for this amendment, which is simply to delay for one year, you will, essentially, have saved the state \$1.6 million in revenues, and I would go to Senator Wehrbein next January and ask them to take a portion of those savings, all or a portion of those savings, and put it into the Campaign Finance Reform Act. I hope we can have a good discussion on this today. If 1.6 million is too much, we can take less. We can structure this any way we want. Now, Senator Brashear said, well, first we heard 50,000 and now we've heard 1.6 thousand...1.6 million. The difference is just this, how much do you want to do? If you want to cover for the future Governor's races and constitutional officers' races and legislative races and all other races, then we need to put the larger amounts of money into the bill. If you want to cover