

things are going. So with that, I would support passing over the bill at this point. I would support adding money later on. And if the money can't be found, if people are unwilling to do that, then I would support releasing those candidates who have agreed to abide from, from their commitment. And with that, I would thank you very much.

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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I rise in support of both of the things that Senator Beutler is doing. His introduction of the legislation and his ongoing concern with campaign finance reform are, I believe, very important and the limitations of the kind of spending that's going on I think is extremely important, although sometimes, for whatever reason, people feel compelled in the heat of the campaign to sink more and more funds into trying to get their particular name and image and perspective across to the voters. I am one of the twenty-one that is listed in the paper as having voluntarily said that I would comply and will continue to do that. I probably spent as little as anyone on getting elected initially, and intend to hold that spending as low as I possibly can. But that's a personal commitment and a decision that I've made. And regardless of what happens with this fund or this legislation, I will continue to strive to do the effort and the work to keep the spending from getting to the point where I feel it gets ridiculous on campaigns. So I support what Senator Beutler is doing and I certainly commend and appreciate his efforts in this regard over the past years in trying to bring some sense of rationality and decency to the whole arena of spending on getting elected to offices. And certainly would commend all of the other people who have committed, the incumbents, who have committed to not going over those set limits. With that I will conclude and thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I just will very quickly speak because in November and December when the Accountability and Disclosure Commission was arguing about the rules and so on that would be in place for the expenditure limitations, my big mistake at the time was I asked two lawyers