

SENATOR ROBINSON: Right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. So, what the...the effect of it is now, even though it'd be difficult to report, which is why people would ask for it to be changed, the net effect, besides making it easier to report with your amendment, would be that any late large contribution will in all likelihood not be known until after the election.

SENATOR ROBINSON: That's a possibility, yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. And I guess I just have a little bit of concerns on that. I understand the "difficultness" of...the difficulty of filing within twenty-four hours, but I can also potentially see the abuse that three days before the election, there's a tight race, there's a big influx of money, and there are...people are real comfortable with doing that because it won't be made known until after the election and then it's too late and we're going that just because it's easier to file it that way, but I could see some real potentials for abuse that we are trying to stop with the twenty-four hour.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah. I think a lot of it goes back to the number of contributions that could come back and you might have a hard time finding that out anyway, so that's where the committee was coming from.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. I do have some reservations. I don't want to take the time right now; I'm going to look at it closer when it gets to Select File. I'll probably give it a no vote at this point just because I'm not quite comfortable on what the...what we'll actually end up doing and what the abuse may be by expanding it to five. So I just raise the point and I'll probably have some more discussion if I feel it's necessary after we talk between now and Select File.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Not on the committee amendment. Thanks.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska, on the committee amendments. Senator Robinson, you are recognized to close on the committee