

They are in many ways, and I do not mean it pejoratively, in control of the process as it relates to late contributions and special interests in organizations, which they very properly represent, and so therefore we're simply building in accountability in the form of penalty.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: All right, but how big would a late contribution have to be to fall under the purview of this section of statute, because I haven't gone back and looked?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It has to be \$100 or greater.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So if you had given...if, now this would apply to individuals' contributions as well as corporate or PAC or whatever, right? And an individual, let's say, had given a \$500 contribution and, late,...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It applies to anyone.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...the fine could be up to \$1,500, but yet, when you're talking about independent expenditures, which could be, as I said, humongous, it's only \$300.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: The best rationale I can give you, Senator Schimek, is the difference in the expertise of those involved.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, it could be the same...well, not, maybe not. I'll pass for now, but there's something about it that just doesn't seem to me to be...I mean I know what you're trying to do, I understand that. But I'm not sure that it provides for all situations. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Senator Brashear, two questions. The first one is, on the fines, and I...where does the fine money go? Does it go to the General Fund or does it go to the Accountability Commission?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I believe these are to the Accountability and