

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Brashear. Seeing... Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, as long as we're talking about election reform, I might as well put in my two cents, too. You know, the issue dealing with the amount of money that has been dumped into these ballot issues I think are important, but I think a bigger issue that we need to address is the amount of limitation, the amount of money that is dumped into a regular campaign, legislative as well as gubernatorial, and the amount of money that one single individual or PAC can contribute is probably something that we should look at. Every year, I do a questionnaire to my district and it usually comes back 95 percent of the people are in favor of limiting contributions to the level of \$5,000, similar to the federal system of government. And I think if you want to deal with an issue I think you should deal with it up...upright, should deal with the issue that really affects us, not just focus in on a term limit issue or a ballot issue that comes along once every 100 years or once every 50 years. We should focus in on the elections that affect the citizens on a...every two years and that meaning the legislative, the gubernatorial, state treasurers, all the races that the people are really actively involved with, and I think we should have some sort of limitation that wouldn't put a disproportional influence on the elections of one or two groups in the state. So I...I'm encouraged by the remarks that have been made here. It's my hope that we will have some additional election year reform next year, after this round of elections, and we'll look at all of the issues that impact our elections, not just one or two. So those are my comments. I'm going to be supporting the Brashear amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Seeing no further lights, Senator Brashear to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Brashear amendment to LB 1263. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Brashear's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Brashear amendment is adopted. There's