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The only time it ever does that is if that requirement is necessary in order...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...for there to be a fair election, a fair fight. That's the only time that ever happens. And you know, in all the years that the Legislature has had this law, all four of those cycles, way over 90 percent of the time, everybody says, fine, I can abide by this. And those who have not abided have limited their expenditures to the very limitation in the statute, effectively abiding. It has been tremendously effective, a very great indirect effect of this law, because the direct effect is to ensure some semblance of a fair fight. The main indirect benefit of this law is that it has resulted in cutting back campaign spending.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Not because...and I'll go into that in more detail the next opportunity I get.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on the motion to bracket LB 762 until April 1, '04. Those senators wishing to speak to that motion: Senators Smith, Kruse, Schrock, Connealy, Chambers, Senator Preister, Brashear, Jensen, Erdman, and Beutler. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of Senator Brashear's efforts to repeal, as he called it, a flawed law that we have on our books. And as a member of the Government Committee, I want to hopefully shed some light on the issues that face us. But I have to disagree with Senator Beutler when he says that most Nebraskans want this. Now, if you ask the question of most Nebraskans, do we want campaign finance limits, they would probably say yes. And if you would ask them the further question that should be asked at the same time, is, should public funds be used to finance campaigns in Nebraska, I would guess that the response would overwhelmingly be no. That's the feedback that I get, the response that I've been getting. You know, should a candidate, two years ago,