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far, and that is that under this act, with its noble intentions but its seriously flawed mechanisms and methodologies, people who know how to play the system--and I'm going to call it that--succeed, and those who do not, because of its complexity, the people it's supposed to be aiding and abetting, so to speak, or helping and supporting, fail. It's clear that those who knew the system and played the system--if you're going to take into account the situation of Lorelee Byrd or of Regent Miller, they're the prime examples--they were the insiders, and the law worked for them and worked against their opponents. So we can gloss that all we want to, and I understand those are only two examples,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...they're very high-profile examples, and they cannot be ignored. They are testimony--solid, absolute fact, which has gone through the process--of the failure. On the other hand, reporting and accountability are essential, and I support that. I have, throughout my ten years here, introduced several bills to enhance and strengthen accountability and disclosure. The CFLA does not relate to disclosure, and repealing it will not reduce the amount of disclosure and public information. Requiring disclosure allows the public to decide what campaign practices it finds to be significant enough to warrant negative consequences, and it doesn't cloak something like independent campaigns or playing the game and getting public money, it doesn't cloak that in the imprimatur of being acceptable and desirable and useful. An opponent could attack...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...disclosed independent campaign spending as inappropriate. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear and Senator Schrock. Senator Connealy, followed by Senator Chambers and others.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise