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When Senator Smith talked, he mentioned public financing. Mr. President, could I ask Senator Smith a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, you may. Senator Smith, would you respond?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Smith, one would infer from your comments that tax dollars are being used to support the Campaign Finance Limitation Act. Can you tell me of any tax dollars that have gone in to fund this, or that have actually paid out money for a candidate to run?

SENATOR SMITH: Well, I was very careful in not using tax words, but public funds. And public funds are anything that comes to the state for whatever reason, be they taxes or otherwise. But to say that no public funds are used because no taxes are used I think is less than accurate.

SENATOR PREISTER: And I would agree, Senator Smith. And that's all that I would ask you. I think that public funds are used, but we need to distinguish between what...public funds are also the funds that go into all of our campaigns. The public provides those monies to us. So it's a little confusing. Senator Schrock, if I could ask you a question, because you did say tax dollars, as I recall? And I would agree that Senator Smith did not say that; he did say public funds. But we're leading some people to believe differently than is actually the case. Mr. President, could I ask Senator Schrock a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I'll respond.

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Schrock, I appreciated your comment. Could you tell me if you know of what tax monies have been spent in campaigns through this act?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Preister, you are correct. It is