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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...led to the spectacle of the court ordering the state to auction off surplus property in order to provide the money. True story. They started with the office furniture of the state legislature. That was to motivate a little response. A similar lack of funds has doomed campaign finance legislation in Kentucky and in Wisconsin. But we keep going. There's another unintended consequence that's unavoidable. As we discussed, former Treasurer Lorelee Byrd received approximately \$125,000 due to a quirk in the act that allowed her to collect funds based on her opponent's intent to spend money that her opponent never ever raised, let alone spent. Similar events have occurred in other states. In Arizona, an...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...independent candidate for governor obtained \$1.7 million under that state's campaign limitation act. Much of it was spent on negative advertising considered by many to be religiously insensitive.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, your time is up, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. Senator Beutler, followed by 12 others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, I feel very frustrated, in the sense that I can't respond to all of what Senator Brashear is saying at once. But I assure you that over time, I will respond to each and every thing, and there is in each and every case another side to the story. I wanted just to talk, at the beginning, a little bit about the variety of benefits of the Campaign Finance Reform Act. And I've already mentioned the fact that in this Legislature it has basically ensured fair elections for four election cycles. The next election cycle coming up, every candidate in here has agreed to abide by the law or has filed a campaign statement that is no