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taking that public money and for abusing the law, and we offered legislation to fix it so that that wouldn't happen again. But we're in this horrible situation now where we can't fix a broken law because the opponents of the law want to trash it altogether. And I would suggest to you that it would be far more constructive if we use this time today to fix the law rather than trying to trash it. The public is insisting that we have reasonable limitations on campaign expenditures and full disclosure. And they are becoming increasingly cynical about the way that elections are being conducted in this country. Three out of every four eligible voters typically stays home on election day. They've written off any meaningful participation in the democratic process. They've washed their hands of it. They've said, you just go do your thing; I don't care anymore, because the system is rigged, it's rigged in favor of the special interests. They know that. Three out of four stay home. We had a bond issue in Lincoln a few years ago to build two new high schools; a \$100 million bond issue. We needed those schools. Seventy percent of voters said, just do whatever; I'm not playing anymore, I'm staying home. That's a very tragic situation. And I would suggest to you that at the base of this cynicism is the influence of the special interest money. We've got to curb that, we've got to put reasonable limitations on it, and we've got to insist on full disclosure. Senator Preister made some excellent points, reminding us, we're not talking about General Funds here. The funds that some candidates have received have not been tax dollars. Public funds, for sure, but they're not tax dollars. They're checkoff monies and they're monies derived from fines and penalties. I urge the defeat of LB 762. But short of that, let's use this bill. Senator Brashear has offered us an opportunity to fix the campaign finance law. Let's not trash it; let's fix it. We've got a bill now on General File. Let's take this opportunity to address some of the problems that Senator Beutler has pointed out to us. A number of us have offered bills...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FOLEY: ...trying to fix some of the aspects of this law. Let's take this opportunity now. Let's fix it. Senator Beutler is welcome to the balance of my time.