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believe, of public funds, not taxpayer dollars but public funds. We also heard this morning about voter turnout, and I would like to do a study and I hope that I have the time to do this later on. I would like to do a study of voter turnout in relationship to money spent on a campaign. I would speculate that the more money that's spent on campaigns, the greater the voter turnout is. So let's not tie voter turnout to this, this issue, because it could be inverted in the respect that we're looking for. But we have so many different realities and there has been harsh criticism of the current system by someone who rose earlier this morning in support of the system. There was harsh criticism in the 2000 election, and there are so many loopholes contained in the Campaign Finance Limitation Act that I believe we should take up this issue as soon as possible, put, I believe, some half a million dollars, I think is the balance, or close to that, to the schools where it needs to go and is more appropriately spent and certainly within the intent of the Constitution of the state of Nebraska. Mr. President, I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Brashear, should he choose to use it.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN PRESIDING

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Brashear, would you like the remaining time?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: May I inquire, Mr. President, as to how much it is?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You have 1, 23; minute and 23 seconds.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, thank you, Senator Smith. I think in the amount of time that Senator Smith has yielded to me, I will be able to make one point that you might be interested in. I have confirmed that fines and penalties are public funds in the truest...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...sense of the word. May not even be a stretch to call them tax dollars, but I know we won't want to go