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hit the limitation. He had agreed to abide, so what he did was to encourage the formation of an independent committee. That was disclosed, and Senator Erdman made a big splash of that fact in the newspapers in North Platte and in that area. And I would submit that that was effective and very helpful to him. Now, at that time he wasn't the incumbent. He was the challenger. He didn't have a lot of money. He was interested in issues. Keeping a cap on the incumbent gave him an opportunity to make his case without being overwhelmed by an incumbent, Senator Matzke, who could have raised twice or three times as much money as he did. Senator Foley was involved in a race with his challenger, and in that race both of the candidates, as in the Erdman race, were Republicans. The very same thing happened. His challenger was a person who had almost unlimited resources in the city of Lincoln, but both candidates chose to abide, and when his challenger reached the limitation and still wasn't winning, he, too, tried to form another committee and take in more funds. Senator Foley cried foul, to his great advantage, in my opinion. He may have a different opinion, but it certainly was to some advantage. It allowed him, a person who is interested in issues, who is interested in meeting people door to door, who was going to get out there and meet the public, even though he wasn't going to be able to spend as much money, and he didn't spend nearly as much money, it allowed him not to be overwhelmed by a candidate who, again, could have raised three times the campaign limitation. Friend versus Suttle, once again this one involved a Democrat and a Republican, but the incumbent again had, as incumbents always do, have access to money. And incumbents can always spend more time raising money. In fact, one of the things I like about campaign finance reform is that you and I don't have to spend all our time raising money. The United States Congress these days, they don't do anything but raise money. They should be paying a lot more time...spend a lot more time with issues and studying issues and dealing with them, and my friends there tell me they spend all their time on their telephone raising money because the next election is two years off and they're really expensive and there are no limitations. You and I don't have to do that. That's an advantage to us.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: One minute.