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are absolutely serious about and committed to winning a race aren't...they aren't going to abide by campaign limit. The other races, Senator Friend's opponent abided by the race...abided by the campaign limit and I believe she regrets that today. I believe that she, had she not abided, she would have spent more; maybe wouldn't have won. It was about knocking on doors. It was about getting down in the trenches, but it's not all about that. Campaign finance reform doesn't work in Nebraska right now. It's broken. I support LB 762.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to follow up on some remarks that I made that perhaps I wasn't clear enough. Senator Beutler said they weren't true, and I obviously dispute that. My reference to a race to the coffers was not the state coffers. That was to the individual candidate's coffers, and that there would be the hypothetical situation, and I think a very real situation, that special interest groups would hurry, quick, write a check to the candidate before the candidate maxes out on what he or she can accept from a special interest group, PAC, nonindividual. So I want that to be clear. There was reference made to the fact that no one showed up to the committee hearing in favor of the bill, and that there were several special interest groups, I will add, that showed up against the bill. And here we are having a debate on why and how special interest groups should not have undue influence in this body, but yet then there's emphasis given to the hearing content from special interests on one side but not the other. So I hope that we can look at the merits of an issue notwithstanding the quantity or the content exactly in a proportionate manner in a public hearing. Yes, we need to hear the issues. Yes, we need to hear ideas and compromises and issues along the way, but to merely count the number of folks testifying and say, well, then we need to go in favor of that, that's...I don't think we want to get into that dilemma. When you have spending limits, which is basically the case here, there are situations that will come about that I think are unfair. When we hear about this, called the fair fight fund, what's fair when, at the last minute, there are false accusations made to a candidate, the candidate is up against the