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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise in, again, in opposition to the bracket motion. And, you know, I think Senator Smith brought up an interesting point about, you know, some different limitations. Again, CFLA doesn't deal with that, but here's what I'm concerned for what I'm hearing so far from the supporters of the bracket motion, or the supporters of leaving the law as it is. I think we're selling ourselves short as well as candidates. I didn't get elected because my opponent had a limitation on spending. That's not why I got elected, and that's not how I got elected. I got elected because we put together a group of people who believed that this was the right direction to go. Now, it may have been because of a voting record. It may have been because of a different position. It may have been because of some of the things that the money was used for in the campaign came back as a negative for different campaigns. There's a number of reasons why individuals get elected, and to stand on the floor and say, well, the reason why you're here is because your opponent couldn't spend as much money, my opponent spent four times as much money as I did. Now let's think about what that will buy you. You can buy a full-page ad in my hometown newspaper for \$200. Two hundred bucks you can buy a full-page ad. Know how many full-page ads there were the last week of our election? The only ones that I put in. If you're outspent four to one, you would think that there will be a lot more visibility, so I don't know where the money was spent. What I do know is where we spent our money, and what I do know is that the people that were in support of our campaign worked hard and did it by word of mouth and were very involved in the process for their own reasons, and that was the fact that they believed that the state needed to move in a direction that we had agreed upon and that we were promoting. So we need to be careful here. Campaigns need money without a doubt, but here's the other part of this. I don't remember paying the World-Herald, the Star-Herald, the North Platte Telegraph for the articles that they ran in regards to our campaign, specifically on the independent committees. Those aren't paid for. Senator Redfield pointed out Senator Chambers is well-known because people voluntarily write about him. That was news.