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little over \$20,000. He went ahead and spent two hundred and...well, over two hundred, way over \$200,000. I don't have the figure in front of me. The point is, she made a strategically wrong decision. It might have been right for her philosophically. That's maybe the way she just felt about it. But she chose not to take the money that would have made her much more competitive, not realizing that he was going to dump in money equal to three times the campaign limitation in the last few weeks of the campaign. And this pattern, by the way, has been repeated in the Hawks race. But, getting back to Lorelee Byrd, two years later she's looking back at that experience. She's in a race with a fellow who said he's going to spend two hundred and some thousand dollars. It comes to the point in time where she has access to the public money, because she agreed to abide.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So she's trying to make a decision, is the guy really going to spend two hundred and some thousand dollars or not? He could have filed an affidavit that would have gave her access to no public money, but he didn't. So she had to decide, is this guy a fool? And most of us would say, no, he's not a fool; he's going to spend that money, because he didn't file an affidavit reducing his estimate. He could have avoided all of this expenditure money, but he didn't file the affidavit. The only logical conclusion that she could come to, or you and I would have come to, was that he was going to spend to that level. So, consequently, she took the money and, in taking the money, she spent \$181,000 altogether, which was less than his estimate.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: More on that shortly.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Call the question, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The question has been called. Do I see five