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SENATOR JENSEN: Where did he go?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, Senator Jensen is requesting to...

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question, and I'll go ahead and propose this as he goes to his mike. First of all, a couple things; I think I understand where you want to go with this, but a couple questions I'd like to have answered. First of all, does the spending limits apply to this as they would to anything that a senator would be involved in, a member of the Legislature?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator.

SENATOR JENSEN: When I say...we are...we have spending limits that we do have imposed, or if we sign up for that. Is there anything restricting the amount of dollars that they would put into any issue because of that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, this, the provisions that I put in, Senator, don't purport to deal in any way with the use of campaign resources. So, in my opinion,...

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...it would have no effect on existing law in that regard.

SENATOR JENSEN: Fine. Then the next question I have, when we start talking about an employee or a member, again, one of our staff members may be directed by a member of the Legislature to research and to look at various issues, again, as directed by that member of the Legislature. Would you elaborate on that just a little bit, please?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It was meant to...it was meant to correspond with the other changes that we made. In other words, to the extent that a senator is allowed to do certain types of things, as defined in other parts of the bill, to that extent. And so long as the employee is under the direction and supervision of