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bridge. I think that we need to at least act in a way that says that we don't condone this kind of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...action, and we do support the laws that are on the books. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The issue before the body is LR 98, an amendment to that by Senator Friend, AM1757. On with discussion. Senators Smith, Janssen, Foley, Schrock, Johnson, Senator Dwite Pedersen, and about 12 others. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is kind of a stressful issue for me, I will admit. Life's events, politically and otherwise, I think would, if I might say, enable me to speak objectively. I try to balance things, be they political, personal, or otherwise, and make sure that politics stays where politics needs to be, and personal issues stay where those also need to be. I wholeheartedly, fundamentally disagree with not only what Mr. Hergert did, but with also what Senator Schimek just stated, in that Drew Miller's violations were not to the same level of egregiousness, if that's a word, as Mr. Hergert's. I want to speak to the Friend amendment, AM1757, and I'm glad I have the opportunity to do that. I have in my files the hard and fast evidence that showed that Mr. Miller violated the law, Campaign Finance Limitation Act. And had I not been a third-year member of the Legislature, you better believe I would have filed a resolution to address Mr. Miller's egregious and intentional violation of the Campaign Finance Limitation Act. Perhaps not all of the names mentioned in his e-mail would be considered accomplices to his intentional violation of the Campaign Finance Limitation Act, but I'll read you some lines: Thus, please do not send any e-mails of mine to anyone and describe this as an effort to help my campaign and some others. That is not controlled by me, and it won't be controlled by me. Even though, he goes on to list in his e-mail a list of names of potential donors, pro-life zealots he referred to, and some strategies that he was going to use in violating the law. I don't want to tolerate that, and I'm not