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before us. I think I'll vote for the Foley amendment, understanding that I would put back into the resolution some of the things...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...that are probably lost by that. And...but I'm a supporter of LR 98. I do not need to recite impeachment as a remedy.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. On with discussion. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Redfield, on the Foley amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. appreciate the topic of discussion that Senator Landis points out. I want to add emphasis to my prior remarks that the integrity of our system is at stake here, and that's why I say that doing nothing and just glossing over this is not the right thing to do. I think perhaps something would be in order, such as Senator Landis suggested with the censure. I also believe that a lot of things can take place, they already are, without being adopted today; that the Accountability and Disclosure Commission can continue their criminal investigation. as requested by Senator Beutler, and to see if they can turn up anything criminally. I kind of tend to agree with Senator Landis, or at least speculate with him, that perhaps I think all the information is out there right now. We need to look at changing our laws in terms of campaign finance. They're clearly not working, whether you agree or disagree with the Campaign Finance Limitation Act as it is on the books right now, or even philosophically, when you had a law-abiding, but didn't quite figure out all of the loopholes, candidate running for State Treasurer suffered his opponent getting, I think it was, \$150,000 of public funds, public funds in the days of budget shortfalls a couple years ago, when the candidate Lorelee Byrd, campaigning for election to State Treasurer, the incumbent, (laugh) received \$150,000 of public funds to campaign with. Perhaps I don't need to emphasize what eventually happened to that office and officeholder. But we've got a system that's messed up. That's what I want to emphasize here today. We have