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Section 32-1604 arranges for a loan for the amount of the public funds the candidate expects to receive. So the requirements of that subsection (4) include raising at least 25 percent of the spending limitation from Nebraska residents and filing an affidavit indicating his or her intent to abide by the spending limitations. So it's a little kind of a technical amendment, but it really addresses the issue of repayment of loans to the candidate committee. So with that, I would be happy to give the rest of my time to Senator Beutler, because I don't think he quite finished with his explanation of the bill and the issue. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, thank you very much. And thank you for explaining the committee's role in this. And I would also like to personally thank the members of the Government Committee, especially those who might have had some misgivings about the bill, for affording us all this opportunity. I started out explaining about campaign costs and what this act has done in terms of curtailing exaggerated increases in campaign costs. And finishing out that chart, please take a look at it closely, because bottom line is that in the most recent set of elections, in 2004, notwithstanding inflation and all those modern pressures of technology, the total spending on legislative campaigns is still less than what it was ten years earlier. It's still less, considerably. And on average, since the campaign law has come into effect, it has been considerably less than in 1994. So that's one beneficial aspect, albeit a by-product of the law. Secondly...and this is a matter of judgment to some extent, but I don't know anybody who's questioned this judgment. And the judgment is basically this. With respect to this body today, there's not a single person in here who bought their way into office. Every one of you stood up in a fair fight situation and won. And that's the way it should be, and there aren't very many legislatures in this country that can say that, and I think you should be proud of that, and I think the state should be proud of that, and this act is the reason why. There have been a number of anomalies. There have been some situations that I'm sure will be discussed on the floor today, mostly involving the Regents races. But