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the Legislature, if they happen to be a lawyer and don't have anything else to do, might start litigating some of this stuff, just to occupy their time and serve the people, through the courts. The fact of the matter is, we either make this as good as we can make it, or we repeal it and quit kidding ourselves, quit spending money the Attorney General says we shouldn't spend, for a purpose we shouldn't be spending it, that if somebody litigated it, in my opinion, it would be found unconstitutional. We...Senator Beutler is extremely bright. He...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: ...has been extremely dedicated.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear and Senator Smith. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Beutler and others.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Brashear, you are so eloquent, and you are so trained in the law, and you are so good with your arguments that I rather think I'm the plain speaker here and not you. (Laugh) But I think that you have absolutely nailed the arguments on the other side of this question, and I think it's probably put a lot of things into perspective for a lot of people, particularly maybe newer members of the body who have not necessarily heard all of these arguments before. I don't agree with you that this is an incumbent protection act. As a matter of fact, I would argue that it evens the playing field for all of the candidates, because of one very, very important provision, and that is, you are limited to how much money you can raise from political action committees. And I think that is a bigger incumbent...or, a bigger anti-incumbent protection measure than anything else that we could talk about here today. We all know that it is...that there are some advantages that go with incumbency. I would not ever argue that. But we can't go out as incumbents and spend \$200,000 on an election. It's just not possible, unless we want to sign an affidavit saying we are not going to abide. And to date, for legislative candidates, this just hasn't happened. We...I mean, I think we've got a really clean, good system, and I'm proud of the system that we have. We have