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FEC Commission...or, a Federal Election Commission opinion, of a member, that is, who talks about how ridiculous the system has gotten, in terms of this urge and this constant desire to regulate, regulate, regulate. Jack Abramoff already broke laws. In fact, that didn't have much to do with campaign finance. That was flat-out bribery. We hear about the Lorelee Byrd case, and Senator Beutler says, well, all Brad Kuiper had to do was A-B-C. I think he would have done that if it was easy to figure out. No, we've got pages and pages and pages of regulations and requirements, windows of opportunity to, I would say, gain the system as well. And where do we end up? More and more problems. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Jensen, followed by Senator Brown.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This is an issue that's certainly been before us several years. And Senator Beutler did mention that incumbency is not part of this. I really think it's the most important part of this. Ninety-two percent of incumbents are reelected, huge advantage. Should a challenger be allowed to spend money, should we restrict his dollars? Certainly, the incumbent is certainly more familiar with the campaign finance laws than any incumbent (sic) unless he hires, again, an attorney to represent him, to tell him what he can and can't do. There are very few of us, and I look at the Hergert case, that have run for office many times that somewhere along the line hasn't made a mistake, perhaps have even paid a fine, certainly not what the Hergert deal was, And I'm not speaking either way on the Hergert deal, other than that our finance laws in elections are very difficult, hard to figure out, hard to understand. Perhaps if we want to go all the way, let's finance all campaigns publicly with public dollars, no private dollars. Should we allow funds to come from outside of the district for which you are running, certainly is something I think that could be discussed. But I think what we're really looking for is fairness, fairness that an individual can run for office, challenge an incumbent, challenge anyone, and also part of that, to raise enough dollars to finance that campaign. I look back at '94, and '94, I think, was a bit of an anomaly. And that was the year that, before