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SENATOR ERDMAN: ...enough to figure out a way around the law. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. On with discussion. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Smith and five others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, we're going to continue to get what we've been getting? No, I think a lot of all of you, and all of you are here under the Campaign Finance Limitation Act. I want to be clear, and maybe it's not clear in some people's minds. There is, notwithstanding the fact that we're using this misnomer "limitation," there is no limitation on the spending of any candidate under this law. You can spend as much money as you want, but if you're going to spend excessive amounts of money, then your opponent is going to have access to some fair fight funds. That's all this law is about. Now I suppose it's easy for Senator Smith to stand up, with his \$100,000 contribution for Club for Growth, and argue the other kind of case. I mean, that's a federal race. But you know, since he brought it up, it's really relevant to what I think all of this is about. I don't think New York investors in the Club for Growth ought to be able to send \$100,000 to western Nebraska and dominate an election. I just don't. I don't think it's fair, and I don't think it's right, and this law is not going to change anything about federal races. They got to do that on their own. But that wouldn't happen under our law in a regular race for the Legislature. Omaha money can't come and dominate a rural race for the Legislature or for any other office, because this law is in place. So I think...I hope everybody understands that there is no limitation. There is simply a fair fight fund for those that are going way over the limitation. Senator Erdman talks about what people want to see, but you know, his description of the matter is so naive. It forgets about the fact that if you have money to do six blanketings of your district with mailings, with TV, et cetera, and your opponent has the money to do two blanketings, and with your six blanketings, you're making the last three of them negative...you know, all this money in these campaigns is leading to this negative campaigning, because first