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you have to establish your credentials, and secondly, you have to establish what you're going to do for people. And then you sling the mud with the money that's left over. And what we need to do is get this sized right so that people can describe themselves, can describe what they need to do, but don't have money to spend three negative mailings to an entire district, to which the opponent has no opportunity to respond. I can tell you who's going to win most of the time. I want to go back and talk about the incumbent thing. This is not an advantage to the incumbents. It's less of an advantage than what existed before. But let me tell you a benefit to the public here. I remember my friend Peter Hoagland went off to Congress, and you know, he didn't like it. And the reason he didn't like it is because the very first month he was there, he had to sit down with...regularly, for a part of his day, with a telephone and a list of names and start raising money for an election that was two years off. The whole thing is a corrupting process. Peter Hoagland should have been thinking...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...about the issues that the people in his district in Omaha wanted to see resolved in the Congress, instead of spending all that time calling them for more money for the next time around and wasting so much time on that process. With a law like this, you can spend time on the issues as an incumbent. You don't have to go out and spend all your time raising money. Not only does it take your time, but it's not a particularly healthy process to become reliant on so much...on so many people for so much money. So I think this law, as it has existed and as it has operated, has done enormous good already. And again, I hope you can help make it even better. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I've got a lot to say in five minutes, so bear with me while I speed up here. Senator Beutler chose to inject a federal race into this debate, and that's fine, that's fine, because we're talking about campaign finance regulations. Senator Beutler suggested