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to be in the Legislature, do what's right for the state of Nebraska, be honest and truthful, but yet they don't have the funds to do it. Someone with a lot more money has got an advantage...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...over them. Did you say time, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Said one minute, Senator.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: One minute, thank you. But that, I think, is the issue. If you raise these dollar amounts, it's going to hinder some of the people from, you know, possibility of filing for election and wanting to come to the legislative body. I think that is an issue. I don't think it's about money, of winning a race. It's about the individual and how you have been accepted in your community, and how you relate to people, and how responsive you are to your constituents. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Redfield.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members. I feel that I have had my say on this debate, and so I am going to at some point turn my time over to Senator Beutler. But I do just want to respond to Senators Erdman and Brown and clarify what I really was getting at. And incidentally, I do think this is an excellent debate. I do think that everyone here has handled themselves very well, but I hope we don't get too much into personalities. We can all bring up examples of different situations, but I hope this is more about the policy than it is about personalities. Senators Erdman and Brown just mentioned my comments about the national level, and all I meant--and Senator Erdman kind of got this, I think--all I meant was, from a public perception point of view, I think this would be the wrong time to do away with the Campaign Finance Limitation Act, mainly because what is going on at the federal level right now, and they are scrambling with lots of different ideas at that level. I also want to say that I am very, very proud of the