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fact that this Legislature has been so free of different kinds of charges, and violations of the law, and controversies involving either campaign finance limitation or the whole accountability and disclosure statutes themselves. I mean, I could tick off probably 8 to 12 different states that have had serious, serious problems in their state, legislators being indicted, legislators having to resign. Nebraska...Nebraskans should be very proud of the fact that we have had the clean system that we have had. So I just wanted to say that and give the rest of my time to Senator Beutler, if he would like to use it, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler, about 2, 42.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Schimek. I would like to use it, but I'd like to use it briefly to say something to Senator Smith. I have sent Senator Smith money for his campaign. I respect what he's done in this body. I wish him well. I hope he wins that primary, I truly do. But the examples...it was meant as an example, a recent example that occurred, of what I think some of the...that illustrates some of the differences between what is going on at the federal level, which is in my opinion wildly out of control still, and what goes on here in Nebraska, and the better time that we...the better system that we have, and the more balanced and reasonable system that we have here. Having said that, just to get back to the mechanics of the bill a little bit, you might wonder, well, if this bill were in effect, how would it have changed the Hergert situation? And let me just tell you two things. If all of the facts had played out the same in the Hergert situation, things would have changed in two ways; 1) with regard to the 40 percent affidavit, it would have been triggered, instead of on October 25, it would have been triggered on October 12, so there would have been a lot more time...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and information, with regard to what was being spent, and questions about where the affidavit might be, and finally, because of the change in the additional campaign