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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to take us further.   Thank you.

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

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members.   I've always had the greatest respect and admiration for Senator Beutler's work on campaign finance issues.   It's an issue that I have a great passion for, as well, and when we're all done with this bill, wherever it takes us, we'd better make darn sure that we've got strong campaign finance laws in this state.   The people expect that of us.   Senator Beutler, I wonder if you might...well, I see that he's in conversation right now.   I'll let him continue that conversation.   But I just want to make the point that it seems to me, in observing some of these races that have been troublesome in recent years--the Rosemary Skrupa race for Regent, the Hergert race for Regent; what was the third one?   The State Treasurers' race, Brad Kuiper and Lorelee Byrd.   The common thread...if I remember correctly, the common thread in those three races was the use of estimates as the basis for making public dollars available to the opponent.   And what troubles me about the fix that is being offered today is that we don't address that problem.   At least I don't think we do, and I want Senator Beutler...I wonder if Senator Beutler might be available for some questions on that.   Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR FOLEY: I'm wondering about the use of...continued use of estimates as the basis for making disbursements of public funds under the CFLA.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I certainly agree with you, partially at least, and we did try to address that.   And the mechanism that we're putting into place is to give an alternative figuring mechanism.   So it can be the estimate or it can be the third campaign report that the nonabider will now be required to file, so that actual figures will be the basis, can be the basis for