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finance came into effect, before the CFLA came into effect, incumbents won almost all the time. It was an incumbent's world. If they needed more money, they could simply raise it. So this is not helping incumbents; on the contrary, it probably helps those who oppose incumbents a little bit more than it helps incumbents. But it's basically neutral, in that it's creating that fair playing field. The players may come to the playing field with different advantages or disadvantages of one type or another, but on the playing field itself, we're making it a much more fair playing field. Disclosure is another piece of history that's been tried in this area, and disclosure is good. Disclosure helps. But disclosure doesn't solve the problem. All over this country we can see there is disclosure, but disclosure doesn't solve the problem. It would be a little bit...the complexity of things is such that it would be a little bit like saying, well, let's let all kinds of medicines be sold, and we'll require disclosure in a little piece of paper in the bottle, no matter how bad it is. People don't have time for that. The system isn't built for that. We are technologically moving all the time. People expect ethics to be built into the law. You know, we have a whole criminal code; that's building ethics into the law. We have...we build ethics into the law in many, many ways, and we do that to protect people and to give a reasonable expectation, with respect to how things will operate. So there are many things going on here, most of which I think are positive. With respect to this particular amendment, it makes the bill...it makes the law the best that it can be, in the opinion of myself and some others who have worked on it, anybody else who was interested in it. I think it's a good set of amendments. I hope you will put the amendments on. Then there will be the critical vote on Senator Brashear's amendment. If you want to repeal it at that time, then repeal it. But at least put it into the shape that it should be in, and you can do that by endorsing this amendment. And then we can go on to the second part of this debate. Again, I thank you for your time and for your consideration.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You're heard the closing on AM2270, which is an amendment to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments to LB 188. The question before the body is...Senator Beutler, for what