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want to be as brief as possible. But would your plan for campaign finance regulation, in disallowing I suppose personal wealth, but not only personal wealth but an ability to fund-raise, from affecting an election, would your plan work without public funds?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, the plan, by and large, does work without public funding and that's the unique thing nationally about this plan and why this plan was defended by the Brennan Center, one of the number one campaign finance reform centers in the country. Because in 95, 98 percent of the cases, there is no public funding.

SENATOR SMITH: Right. So could we remove all the public funding from this plan and use it on other projects?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The funding is necessary to fund the fair fight fund, Senator, as you know.

SENATOR SMITH: So it is necessary, is what you're saying?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Just in case. Is that...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you, Senator Beutler. And this certainly points to my concerns about LB 188. I love the intent. But the practice of using public funds, and Senator Beutler...or, I'm sorry, Senator Brashear pointed out some of the intricacies of that, but the mere fact that public funds are going to campaigns, and we can argue about everything else another time, but my concern is the fact that public dollars are going into campaigns when there is a host of better places to put those dollars. I cannot support and I will not support public funds going to campaigns. And that's why we need to move forward with this. If there wants to be limited contributions, that's a different way to approach the issue. Other jurisdictions do that. But the fact is, public funds going to a campaign, I just cannot support. Thank you, Mr. President.