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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I was just sitting here wondering whether...the first time that I ran, my opponent was a person of some personal means and family means who outspent me two to one. And this was before the Campaign Finance Limitation Act was in place. And I don't know if I would have taken the money had it been offered because I didn't spend all the money that I raised anyway because I did everything that I chose to do on the amount of money that I had. So I don't think I probably would have taken the money. And what worries me is that by virtue of this discussion, we let people believe that it is all about money. And when I talk to candidates who are thinking about running, they really worry about whether they're going to abide by the spending limits and all those kinds of things because they really believe that that money is all that it's about. Now I think that if you have a viable candidate with no money and a candidate with a lot of money, that that very possibly is a situation where that viable candidate can't get their message out. But I think part of being a viable candidate is that you can raise the money. What really worries me in going through the packet that Senator Beutler passed out are all the references to Jack Abramoff and the sort of assertion that people who take money, within whatever the funding scheme that's acceptable is, that there is something wrong with that very possibly. You know, if they have lots of money, there might be something wrong with that. The individuals who took money from the clients of Jack Abramoff, without any intention of doing anything to...untoward to assert the cause, did absolutely nothing wrong. The people who took money and know exactly what they were doing obviously did something wrong and that's called corruption. That is not called campaign finance limitation. We've got a candidate for Governor who is using the fact that he has personal wealth and has friends with great wealth as part of his campaign that he is only taking money from individuals. And yet, the way that it's going about, it's not significantly different because the companies and PACs that donate to the candidates are then solicited to get personal donations for that candidate. And so it ends up being that the infrastructure is