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act as though none of this ever happened. If you all don't bring it up again, I may not. But again, it may just be too good for me to leave alone.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'll be very brief. You know, I don't know where attitudes come from originally or how we all develop, that we're subject all to many influences. I'm sure that Senator Brashear and myself both believe equally strongly in the idea of free speech. I believe that. I'm a strong believer in free speech. But you know, I grew up playing baseball and basketball and football and all these different sports just like all of you did here in Nebraska. And every one of those sports has a fair set of rules. It doesn't try to give advantage to one side or another. The rules apply equally to all that enter the game. And it stuns me that a fundamental kind of fairness that we would yell and scream about from the sideline of a basketball game, some people don't insist upon in the most important game in a democratic process--the elections, the elections. And you can talk about the influence of money and the fact that it doesn't always take the day. We understand that. And in fact, sometimes it can be used against the other person. We know all of the games that go on. But by and large, in general, if one side can spend a ton more money than the other, we know what's usually going to happen if it's done in an intelligent way. I'm not against money per se, I'm not against people spending a lot of money in campaigns per se. I just don't think it's fair when there's not a set of rules in place that assures that the most important means of fairness in this game, i.e., having money to spend to get your pamphlet out, to get your radio advertisement, to get to the public, to get to the ears of the public, when that access isn't there for everybody because that distorts the idea of a fair fight to me. And so that's kind of where I'm coming from. I think that basic idea of fairness is supported by people everywhere, I really do, by the vast majority of the