

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

April 12, 2006 LR 449

filed the complaint, but I'm only Kermit Allen Brashear II. I don't count. I'm not the father of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. I don't whisper in anybody's ear, and I don't manipulate the process. I participate in accordance with due process, negotiate in good faith, and conclude transactions in accordance with the law. Now we are really stretching and what I am most concerned, and the reason I rose and the reason I'm speaking the way I am, we must stop this. Nobody enjoys working with and has more respect for Senator Chambers than I do, and he'll just have to live with the statement, because I'm proud of our ability to work together. But there are limits. Everybody has to be able to take no for an answer. We've got the "Martha Stewart" allegation in here. That's a relatively new creation. We're going back to the "improperly influence an election," and we're saying that with regard to campaign contributions and free money, taxpayer money, and advertising. There's no evidence in here that anybody's opinion would have been changed by the expenditure of any more money. That's a...talk about a leap into the stratosphere. Senator Chambers has had people tell him that Regent Hergert wouldn't have gotten their vote. Well, guess what, I've had people tell me...I've had multiple people tell me if the election were held today they'd still vote against Don Blank and for Regent Hergert.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: What's that? That's not evidence. Don't let them tell you what evidence is. I urge the careful consideration because I'm concerned that anybody can come here any time, and if they're as dynamic as Senator Chambers or whatever, they can take this process. It's perfectly legitimate. There aren't any statutes of limitation and they can turn this into the pursuit of things for their own political ends. I'm sorry that Regent Hergert is the only person, other than Lorelee Byrd, who ever offended Senator Chambers. Lorelee Byrd resigned. Regent Hergert hasn't. But this is not the appropriate use of this process and it does not uphold the dignity and honor of this body. And I'm sorry, when you construct a Campaign Finance Limitation Act that takes 29 pages to correct...oh, by the way, the definition of "expenditure" in here, which is set forth as if it was an absolute standard,...