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SENATOR BROMM: ...it could be a pledge or promise to pay, or it could be, if the gift is large enough, it could be a gift. But it also says a subscription or an assessment, a membership to something could be a contribution.

SENATOR CUDABACK: But we're talk...but food is exempt?

SENATOR BROMM: Food and beverages not to exceed \$50 in value are exempt.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good, thank you, that answers my question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Bromm, to speak to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Madam President, I would like to yield however much of my time she would like to Senator Schimek, if she would like to use it. She has to leave, I understand. I will say before I yield it that I support Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schimek, you have four and a half minutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President. And thank you, Senator Bromm. I don't intend to use my...the entire time, because I do need to leave. But I just wanted to be on record in favor of this bill. My name is on the bill, it is one that I've been interested in for some time. And I, for one reason or another, haven't been able to hear the conversations that have gone on before, so I hope I'm not being repetitive. But one of the things that I think we often don't think about when we're looking at this, and I think admittedly most of this is aimed at perceptions and not reality. I think that however perceptions can become reality, and it's good to have the discussion before they do become reality. But one of the things that several lobbyists have said to me on occasion, when this issue was being discussed, is that they would be most appreciative of a prohibition like this, because I think that, justified or not, they sometimes feel that there is...that they need to contribute to a particular person and just because it is during the legislative session. And again, I don't think that's anything other than an internal kind of thing. But I'd just like to