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SENATOR FELLMAN: The amendment that I would offer would be to exempt contributions of \$100.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUIS: Point of order.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR DUIS: I think that the only thing we are voting on is the returning of the bill for a specific amendment, and no other amendments to the amendment should be even given to you at this particular time.

PRESIDENT: That is correct, Senator, thank you. And that's the way it would be. The motion before us now, unless it's withdrawn is to return the bill to Select File for specific amendment, and that is to strike the enacting clause, unless someone wants to do something different. Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Mr. President, there is just one thing about this bill that I object to, and I'm going to vote.

PRESIDENT: Wait a minute, Senator Duis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PROUD: Well, I'm just discussing the return. And my reasons for asking it be returned. There is one thing extremely bad about this that I thought about for a long time. Let's say that we've got a thousand dollar cash contribution. Somebody wants to contribute a thousand dollars in cash, or whatever amount, and this bill passes. So that makes it against the law to do it. Now who is going to do that? Not the honest candidate. He isn't going to take it, because he knows it's against the law. But the dishonest one, is going to do it in a minute. And so, and there's no way usually of tracing that. The intent of the bill is alright, but a practical matter it promotes the crooked candidate. He'll take the money. He'll get all the advertising, and nobody will ever know the difference. That's why I'm against it, and in favor in the motion to return it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett, what is your pleasure?

SENATOR BARNETT: Did you ask me, Mr. President, what my pleasure would be?

PRESIDENT: What is your pleasure, you have the motion.

SENATOR BARNETT: I think it depends..at the present time on the way the talk has been going around, and the way Senator Fellman did offer something, what I'll do now for the purpose of the discussion having been over, I'll withdraw my motion for the enactment of this bill, and we will take up Senator Fellman's motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barnett. Senator Fellman back to you then.

CLERK: We now have a motion on the desk.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Motion on the desk is to exempt cash contributions of under \$100. It seems to me that the arguments have been made.