

a reason to be opposed to it, it will reduce the states revenue even though it is a voluntary thing. There are a lot of issues related to taxation that people don't understand. For example the food tax credit. Most people believe that even before you can receive this credit that you have to pay some income tax. If you don't have any taxable income they feel that you can not get the credit so you will not file just to get the food tax credit. I think that there could be confusion about this check off, but even if there is not, I think that it ought not be made a part of the law, that tax money will be utilized to support the political parties.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Senator Fellman, my question is this, how do they determine who gets what. Where is the division between the Democratic and the Republican.

SENATOR FELLMAN: You do Senator. When you file your tax return you check off whether you want the money to be deducted and who you want the money to be paid too. You do it.

SENATOR SKARDA: You name the party?

SENATOR FELLMAN: Yes, you say Republican or Democratic. The money goes right to the state party and they give it out according to their own rules.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Proud.

SPEAKER PROUD: I move the call be raised.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to raise the call. All those in favor of raising the call vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Thank you. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays and 20 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The call is raised. The Chair recognizes Senator Nore. We are debating the issue on a specific amendment.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, members, I don't like the federal law or the state law. I think that we are putting the two parties on relief, on welfare. I don't like that. If a party can't raise enough money on its own, it shouldn't exist. Now this is just a foot in the door. It will start out with a dollar and pretty soon it will be a hundred dollars, or fifty dollars or twenty-five and if some poor unknown comes in and files for office he isn't going to have any shot at this money anyway, because they are not going to help him. I just don't like this federal law and state law, either one. I think that we ought to get rid of both of them.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Proud.

SPEAKER PROUD: I would like to ask Senator Fellman, I suppose it would have to be a guess, but what is the projected loss of revenue to the state?

SENATOR FELLMAN: I have asked the fiscal staff, and I can't get figures, because there is no way of knowing what people