

various officeholders. At the last it indicates \$20,000 for candidate for the Legislature, and \$8,750 for candidates for the Public Service Commission, Board of Regents, and State Board of Education. Again, I am simply striking that language of \$8,750 and replacing it with the spending limit or the contribution limit that has been set upon members of our State Legislature at \$20,000. I simply strike that language and add \$20,000. With that, I would move the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Does anyone wish to address this amendment? Seeing none, we will now vote on the Johnson amendment to the Ashford amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. We'll...

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the Ashford amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. We'll proceed then with debate on the Ashford amendment. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Ashford, Schimek, Abboud, Wesely, Crosby, and Chambers. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President, members. I'd like to address a couple of points that have been made in the debate and I'll try to go through them quickly. One, Senator Lindsay asked me, before lunch, whether or not this amendment would apply only to those individuals who opt into the principal bill, or the underlying legislation, the expenditure limits. I gave him a wrong answer. The answer is that it would apply to all candidates for office, otherwise you would have big spenders opting out of Senator Baack's bill in order to avoid the contribution limit. So, it applies across the board, and I misspoke. I'd like to make a couple other points, some that I made the other day. Well, first of all, answering Senator Beutler...Beutler's points on the constitutionality, for the record, if we take a look at Buckley v. Valeo and look at the head notes, I'm just going to read them into the record because I think they address what Senator Beutler was addressing. A