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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...in a very real way, affectively addressed the problem of campaign contributions. That is what this bill does. A vote no is a vote to say we do not want to restrict unlim...to...to restrict campaign contributions from PAC, special interest groups and the like. And I don't think that properly reflects what the people out there want us to do. And I think if you ask 10 people what they would want, they would, 8 or 9 of them would say, or maybe the 70 percent that now seem to support term limitations, we want you to restrict campaign contributions as well as expenditures, as well as expenditures, both. If we don't do both, we don't have a bill that's going to do the trick. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Ashford, you just changed my mind again. I've been wavering back and forth here all morning long. I voted for this last Friday afternoon, and came back in here this morning and, based on some of the things that have been said on the floor this morning, was considering voting against it this afternoon. I think that Senator Beutler did make some very compelling arguments. I also think that to some degree the spending cap that is in this bill will work as a deterrent. I mean if I can raise...if I can spend \$50,000 in a legislative race, I'm certainly not going to try to raise all \$50,000 of that from PACs. I think there will be some curbs on how these things are done. But finally, you know, not only could there be a constitutional question that would be harmful to the bill, if we stick this on, but my perception is if we attach this amendment then it might also kill the bill in terms of the politics of the thing. And I don't know if you agree with that or not, Senator Ashford. I'd appreciate hearing from you. I'm in sympathy, and I did vote for it on Friday afternoon, but I'm wavering this afternoon. And I would like to see us stop this debate pretty soon. But if there are some other people wavering like I am, maybe we need to continue a little while. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, colleagues, I...I really don't