

have any problems with this particular amendment. This approach, I believe, is a much sounder approach than a lot of others that have been bantered around as far as reducing the influence that sometimes happens with a campaign. I'd like to say that Senator Baack has offered a very realistic approach on something that can be passed in the Legislature, and I do commend him for bringing this bill forward. I think it really goes to the issue of how to reduce the amount of spending that we have with these campaigns. And I think that...I think that this...this amendment compliments it. I really feel that it goes to the next...next step of this type of issue. I'd like to ask one question of Senator Ashford, if I may.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ABBODD: Senator Ashford, I've been hearing different stories now. This bill that came, that's before us, LB 556, was this...it was a part of a campaign reform committee that was established. And wasn't this amendment, from what I understand this amendment was originally a part of that bill.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right. But then it was taken out because of the political considera...this concept of political consideration keeps getting tossed around. But it was tossed out because of all the opposition that certain groups would have to it, apparently. And so...

SENATOR ABBODD: Okay. Well, that's what I had heard, that this particular amendment to the bill was something that had been addressed in the original campaign reform. And I think that...I think it's an important part of the bill, and for that reason I plan on supporting the bill, and I plan to support the bill with the amendment. I feel that it's...it's a good compliment to it. Again, I can't say that the people are clamoring for this type of reform. But there's a possibility that we could have something on the ballot. And maybe we should be looking towards what would be the alternative that the voters would bring before the people some time in November, when the election comes around. And I think that this is, with this amendment is a good alternative to what we could see in November. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Before we continue with debate, I would like to call your attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Wehrbein are 14 fourth and fifth graders from Manley Public School in Manley, Nebraska