

some committees that also feel the same way and would give that person a goodly amount of money. Since the opponent is not likely to get enough \$200 campaign contributions in that area to reach the 25 percent, we just do away with the \$200 or less incremental raising of the money. That's what the amendment does. And I want to make a few comments about what we're doing in general to show the context that I wish you'd consider this amendment within. Senator Beutler, before I go on, I want to ask you a question to make sure that I correctly understood something you said earlier. Did you say that if this bill is fine-tuned appropriately, it would be possible to have a voluntarily imposed spending limit, if the ideal is reached, without any public funds having to be spent by an opponent? Did you say that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Chambers, that's definitely the goal that I would like to work towards.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I just wanted to make...make it clear that I was not misrepresenting what Senator Beutler said. And the reason that they had to put in this public money was to get around the Supreme Court prohibition against spending limits. But...and, Senator Beutler, with all due respect to you and the others who have drafted the bill and are trying to do something that, in itself, is laudable, that is a very cynical position, because what this bill really does is to not impose limits on spending at all. There is no limit, there are suggested maximums, as I said, like the stickers on new cars. This is the suggested retail price, but nobody is bound by that. If there are two candidates, both of them can exceed this recommended amount without violating the law, without suffering any penalty. A limit or a restriction has to have some enforcement measure. There is nothing in this bill to enforce any of these supposed limits. Now, without that enforcement, I don't think the bill should be called a campaign expenditure limit bill. The only real limit that exists, exists under the amendment that Senator Ashford just had adopted, and that does not go to spending. There was a song that was...that had to do with a monkey getting a ride with a buzzard, and it kind of goes along with this bill. It said, the buzzard took the monkey for a ride in the air. The monkey thought that everything was on the square. The buzzard tried to throw the monkey off his back. The monkey grabbed the buzzards neck and said, listen Jack, straighten up and fly right, straighten up and stay right, straighten up and fly right, cool down, pappa, don't you blow