

amendment? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the bill at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Is there anyone who wishes to debate the bill further? Seeing none, do you have closing... Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, I just wonder if Senator Baack would respond to a question that I have about the bill, and he can use my time to do it, because I am simply raising a question and not wishing to make a point one way or the other. A lot of the, I think, the discussion about the mechanism of how the public financing would work was covered by Senator Beutler, who said, and one of the...one of the geniuses of this approach, is we may not actually not expend any money in public financing because nobody, knowing that their opponent would be able to be given money that they'd have to go out and raise, nobody will exceed the limits. What happens if that premise does not come through? What happens if we have a lot of candidates who seek to acquire public financing, where is the money source for it? Is there to be an A bill that accompanies this, and if so, how much money are you planning on appropriating?

SENATOR BAACK: Senator Withem, there will be an A bill. And the fiscal office is looking at that right now. We're not sure exactly how much money to appropriate in that bill right now. And it would be General Fund dollars. But they are looking at an A bill right now. They're waiting to see what the bill looked like when it got off of General File before they did come up with an A bill for it.

SENATOR WITHEM: But would we be talking about tens of thousands of dollars, hundreds of thousands of dollars, millions of dollars?

SENATOR BAACK: Their...their initial, the initial numbers that I got from the fiscal office, it would probably range somewhere between 50 and 100 thousand dollars.