

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman, if I could ask Senator Baack a question. I think I raised it the other day, off the mike, was about in kind contributions, how is that going to be treated and so forth? That's...

SENATOR BAACK: Well, those...those would be treated as...as they are now. You have to report those as expenditures, and they would be part of your limitations.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, now that we have the bill in the form that we're going to advance it in, and I'm sure it will advance, I want to make something crystal clear in the record at this point, and I'm going to resist my propensity to be jovial, and I'm going to be deadly serious, Senator Baack, (laugh) as long as I don't look over there at you. Madam President, members of the Legislature, I do not believe that this Legislature is going to appropriate \$1 million to this fund. We have been told that the recommended maximums were selected, based on the spending in these races. Based on that consideration, it would take a minimum of \$1 million to fund this bill, if there were no increases over what has been spent in the past. So, if an A bill comes in with less than \$1 million, the money that we should put into this fund is less than the amount that we should put in based on what we have determined, or whoever has determined this, the spending patterns to have been in the past and the amounts that people would have been entitled to. If the Legislature does not intend to put that money into the fund, then I think it's being shown that this is just a cynical, political action in the worst pejorative sense of the term political. Even though the bill is not due to take effect until 1993, I think if we intend to fund it, we should put \$1 million in it now. Let that money be drawing interest, then by 1993 we will have more than \$1 million, whereas if we waited until 1993 to appropriate that same amount, it would be a larger appropriation. It would all be money from the General Fund. But if we put it in the fund