

can correct me, that one who could raise large amounts of money might see a disincentive based on the one not able to raise as much receiving public funds?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think there's a...there...there...it's a double-edged sword, or there are two ways that will discourage persons from exceeding the suggested limitation. One is that in most circumstances, probably, their opponent would be given as much money as the one exceeding the limitation would spend, so that they would spend an equal amount of money. The other...the other thing, which may be even stronger, is simply the fact that I think the public will be angry with any candidate for office who causes public funds to be spent by exceeding the suggested spending limitation. And I think...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...within a campaign that will be a very strong political tool that can and should be used and would discourage exceeding the limitation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Rather than ask additional...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...questions, although I have them, I'm running out of time, I'll make a couple of observations. First of all, the candidate will, if that amount of money, like what we're talking about, is involved, that candidate will have a committee, handlers and other people helping to make decisions, and in some cases dictating decisions. And I doubt very seriously that those people would say don't raise all the money you can make, because this poor person over here is going to get the difference between the \$50,000, which is the maximum, and what we spend over that. I think they will raise as much money as they can, and spend as much as they need, and disregard this other person. And if the public feels anger, that anger, I think, would be directed to the one who accepts public funds and would not be in a position to say they made me do it. The law does not mandate that they take these funds. That person must make a conscience decision, then put forth an effort. And once that person plundered the public till, as he or she would be portrayed as having done, the...