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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're counting on the poor education that most people received so they'll make that interpretation?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I just think that's a limitation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Ashford.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this bill? Seeing none, Senator Baack, would you like to close

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, just very briefly. Senator Chambers is absolutely correct when he said there are no absolute limits in this bill, because it's very difficult to write a bill with absolute limits because of some of the court interpretations. But I think there are some incentives in the bill to not exceed the limitations. And I have never purported it to be one that has absolute limits in it. I think the only absolute limit in it is the one that Senator Chambers talked about, and that's the aggregate limit on PAC contributions, those are absolute limits in the bill. But I think it does take us a step in the right direction. I think it starts us down the road of trying to come up with some ways of dealing with the amount of spending that goes on in campaigns, and I think that the public is demanding that. I think they want to see a lessening of the amounts of dollars that are spent for political campaigns. I think this gets us off to a start down that road. And hopefully as we assess how it works in Nebraska, as we look at other states and how they address this issue, we can come up with better ways yet in the future of dealing with campaign finance reform. With that I would encourage you to move the bill on to Final Reading. Thank you.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Baack. Senator Lindsay, would you move the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I move to advance LB 556 to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. There's been a request for a machine vote. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A record vote has been requested. We are voting on the advancement of LB 556. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? This is a record vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.