

over the next couple of years before this is implemented to really seriously think about that, whether we want that in place that way. They said they needed to have something in statute that sets up a mechanism for them to deal with both primary and general elections. Now I don't particularly care for this. This, I am not so sure that this is the way we ought to divide it, 50 percent, primary, and 50 percent, general election, because I have the same concerns you do about some of the elections that take place. But with this mechanism, at least if we have this mechanism in place, then we have something to change because we know what they are shooting for and what they want to see happen. They want that divided, and now we need, and I think that we are going to have to make some changes in this over the next couple of years. That's another reason that the implementation delay is going to take place because I think we need to study this further to see how we are going to put the mechanism in place and what makes the best sense when we do have the mechanism finally in place for the Campaign Finance Reform Act. This is not going to end my changing the Campaign Finance Reform Act, by any stretch of the imagination. I still plan on looking at that and, hopefully with the cooperation of the Government Committee, and Senator Schimek, we can continue to look at that issue and try to resolve that problem with the division of those monies because I think that is a problem. But the Accountability felt that they had to have some kind of division in place so people would now what they are looking at.

SENATOR WARNER: It just doesn't make any sense to me. This way makes no sense to me. It ought to be appropriate, it would seem to me, if you were, as you've indicated, if you would talk about an office that for some reason you would spend half of the money each time, but as a practical matter, most times that would not be the case.

SPEAKER BAACK: And, Senator Warner, you could have the other...you could have another scenario where someone is not opposed in the primary and someone is. They don't have to spend any of their money, you could have a number of scenarios that do not make this function very well. Senator Beutler is one of them that he, I do know, Kim just told me, my aide just told me, he was one of them that did really want it, this provision in there, that it be divided 50-50, and that's why we did it that way. I mean he was one of them that had some input into this process also, but I think that Senator Beutler is also willing to work with this process and make it work, make it a workable