

amendment? Seeing none, Senator Will waives closing. The question is, shall the amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Will's amendment.

SENATOR HALL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to amend. Senator, I've got AM2128 in front of me, first of all. (Bromm amendment appears on page 2178 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. AM2128, which I handed out a short while ago, deals with that section of the bill that designates how much of the funds can be spent in the primary election, and how much in the general election. As the...I think in the form that the bill is in now, if I'm not mistaken, it provides that not more than 50 percent can be used in the primary election. And I guess after we debated it last time and I thought about it, and I went back and read the discussion that we had, it occurred to me that...that if we're going to use a campaign finance approach like this and use possibly some public dollars, that we need to do the best job we can to have a level playing field. It occurs to me that if I'm an unknown and I'm heading into the primary election, and let's just take a legislative race, for example, there are four of us challengers and we have an incumbent, and I want to come under the campaign finance law, if I'm the incumbent I'm going to not have any problem staying within this 50 percent for the primary. I'm going to be able to save, I think, the bulk of my financing for the general election. Let the challengers slug it out in the primary and spend 50 percent of their money, or maybe more than that, and when it comes to general election time, I, as the incumbent, will have 85 percent of my money left. And the challenger may very well have...may have less than 50 percent of his money left. So I think there...I don't know if 50-50 is the right division. But it occurs to me that there should be some reasonable division of the monies, not only on the primary election, but on the general election. And simply what this amendment does is it says that the people that choose to use the campaign finance funds will have to limit the amount of their spending, in the general election, to not exceed 50 percent of