

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bromm, on this amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Could we possibly take up 2127 first? Does that make any difference?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, 2127? Sure.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bromm, on AM2127. (Bromm amendment, AM2127, appears on page 2179 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BROMM: Mr. Chairman and colleagues, 2127 simply reinstates in the bill the requirement that if you are going to...on your reporting you have to report anything over \$100. And I think the bill, as it stands right now, provides for reporting over \$250. And it's a pretty simple argument, I guess. I...I think we're used to, those of us who have been involved in campaigns, which all of us have, are used to reporting anything over \$100. I don't see any compelling reason to change that. I think in the climate that we're in, I think...I think the accountability that people expect and want, that it makes sense to report anything from \$100 on up, or over \$100. Two hundred fifty dollars just opens the door up a bit more for not reporting. If you were to have a situation where a concern or an entity would make to make a substantial donation without having their name appear, it would be very convenient to have many people donate up to \$250 without having the name. It's just easier to circumvent the intent of the...of the accountability law. Maybe there's a compelling reason for raising it. I...I can't see any. Thought about it. Talked to people in the Political Accountability Office to see if they felt there was some compelling reason to change it from \$100 to 250, I haven't found any good reason to do that. So I would...I would suggest that for the sake of accountability, we...we keep it at \$100. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Witek, on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I rise in support of the Bromm amendment. I also do not see any reason to raise the amount to \$250. I think \$100 is...is just the amount that we need to...to keep some accountability in some of these statements. One hundred dollars is easy to spend just about