

there before we are adding and writing more into this bill. I know my constituents are very nervous about public funds going to candidates. And I just think that we need to, as a committee, look at this. It has not really had a public hearing, because it was dismissed because it was going to be delayed and we were going to examine further what was in the bill, or what should be included in this legislation. I...I just think that this is kind of an end run, and I believe that at least those of us on the committee were under the impression that this bill would be delayed. So I cannot support this amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Baack, on Senator Bromm's amendment, AM2129.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I rise in opposition to Senator Bromm's amendment. First, because it...first of all, I think, I need to live up to my...what I wanted the committee to do. I wanted the committee to delay this for a couple of years. And I think that that's very, very necessary for us to do that. I think that we are going to, Senator Beutler is going to have an amendment, that I cosigned, later, which talks about how we're going to fund this eventually. And if we do decide to adopt that, that's fine. But I think we should still...I think we should still delay it for a couple of years, because there's still some issues in this bill that really need to be looked at. One of them is what we talked about earlier, the division between the primary and the general. I don't think we certainly have that settled by any stretch of the imagination. I think that what...And one...another reason to delay it is in the next election cycle, when it does come into play, we don't have as many offices up, there are not all the state constitutional officers up at that point. My...my election is up, so I'm...I'm willing to live with that, I don't have any problem with that. But...but I think that we would find then as we work our way through that system we'll find that there's probably quirks in the system that we're going to need to fix before we do get to a general election, where we have all the state constitutional officers up and legislative candidates up. We can work through some of those quirks if we just have a legislative candidate race at that point. So I think that, you know, what it's going to cost us financially I'm not sure. One of the reasons that we had to delay it was because of...when you...when you look at the state auditor's race last time, you found that.. that the current