

some work over the interim, and hopefully we come back next year and make the changes that are necessary to make this thing work properly when we do put it in place in a couple of years. So I stand in opposition to this Bromm amendment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I will be brief because I could just say, probably say ditto to what Senator Baack just said and then sit down. I also rise in...in opposition to the amendment. If we're going to consider it at all, Senator Bromm, I think it should be considered after the Beutler amendment, perhaps, which will be coming up soon and which does talk about a funding source. And I think...I think that if we're going to adopt an amendment like this, then we ought to have the funding source connected to it. We ought to know how we're going to do it. We ought to have that be part of the proposal for enactment next year. This is late in the session. I think it's awfully late to be considering this amendment. Reiterating something that Senator Beutler said, what motive would a candidate have to abide by this bill. Now, he mentioned the scenario say if a candidate, like John Breslow last time, decided to spend a lot of money and not...and not pay any attention to the limitations, his opponent then could use that against him saying, oh, he's just trying to run up the amount of public funds that are going to have to be financing my campaign. On the other hand, a candidate could also look at it and...and say, well, I am not going...you know, I don't believe in public funding, I'm not...I don't think the taxpayers want public funds used for this, and therefore if his opponent decided to take advantage of the fact that he ran up the amount of spending, and he was eligible to take public funds, would that candidate then feel comfortable taking those public funds? I have a little bit of trouble with...with how the general concept of the bill works. And I think that we do need to look at it further. I do think, though, that we ought to seriously consider the Beutler amendment. We ought to be talking about the funding now, we ought not wait until two years down the road. If we consider the funding now then I think that nobody can say that we're not serious about finding a finance reform package that works. I don't know how many of you had the opportunity to read the article that Senator Withem distributed on the floor yesterday. Yes, I said distributed, not passed