

thing that would come out of the Government Committee was a two year delay, as Senator Baack asked for. Then when they came to the floor with the bill, the committee amendments were struck. Senator Baack reinstated all the language in the bill. It seems to me that...and he's also said that he has cosigned an amendment with Senator Beutler on funding for the bill. Senator Baack seems to be working on this bill, despite the fact that we did not have a public hearing on the bill, per se. I believe there's still a lot to be done on the bill. I would like to see a public hearing on this bill. And yet I just can't...I just can't put two and two together on this bill yet. We weren't allowed the public hearing on the bill.. We thought we had struck the language, and that's what we intended to do. The language was put back in, on General File. It's being worked on by Senator Baack and Senator Beutler on where the money will be coming from, and yet they're requesting that Senator Bromm wait two years before he does anything to this bill. So I...I just don't understand why Senator Bromm can't be making changes to the bill if others are making changes to the bill and if, in fact, the intent, when this bill was written and introduced, was not to have campaign finance reform. I'm sure Senator Baack understood the bill when he introduced it as campaign finance reform. None of the arguments I've heard today, about cost or accountability and disclosure, will change in two years time. We will still have those same costs incurred. I understand he doesn't want to start off with a big election, like the one in two years. But I'm...I still understand when he introduced the bill, knowing that there would be that election in two years, and as I said to Senator Fromm earlier, at what time will it be any different? At what time, if we enact this, it's not just for a year or two years, we are enacting a law for whatever time we enact laws for. And I believe this still just as a citizen, when we enact a law it's a law. I don't understand what the arguments being given here today have anything to do with delaying the bill. I don't understand what they have to stop Senator Bromm from making changes to the bill if, in fact, the request was made on General File to...to return the language to the bill, then any senator on the floor should be able to make any changes to this bill, and we should go ahead with this bill as...as it was planned on General File. It just doesn't seem to me that...that we're making much sense on this. And if Senator Baack and the other introducers of the bill didn't...didn't want the bill then I don't understand why the bill wasn't just pulled, and why it was still asked to send it to the floor, only have a two year delay? Maybe Senator Baack can answer some of