

forward on what we said we would do a couple of years ago. Right now as the bill stands we're delaying for a couple of years and the reason for that is that there is worry about getting it into effect properly at the proper time period. The public is not going to understand that because we can make things right. We can do the funding now. We can get the primary general distinction straightened out. But in any event, we need to do something positive and we need to deal with the funding portion of this concept. We don't have any funding. What will we do next year for funding? We don't have money in the General Fund. A year from now the cities that have keno operations will be even more accustomed to it. It will be very much more difficult to do anything about funding. Now is the time to make the move. We are on the right bill. Obviously it relates to campaign finance. The bill is about campaign finance, this relates to campaign finance because it is the funding mechanism for campaign finance. We've got a unique creative campaign finance law that we're trying to get into effect. It is really something that is being looked at across the nation. People are looking to Nebraska to see how this mechanism is going to work, but we need to get it refined and we need to get it in place. So I guess I feel a little frustrated in I think we've got a wonderful concept and we've got a concept that the public wants, the public doesn't necessarily want public money spent, but the genius of this concept is that public money is not going to be spent. But we need to have money in there in order to have the threat of public money being spent. It's all in the threat and if there is no money in there, the law certainly won't work. So I hope you all have the time and you have the energy to advance on this proposition and to construct something that is useful and good and is... I think would be seen, will be seen eventually as one of the very good things we did in this Legislature in terms of legislative reform and campaign finance reform. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Actually it's with mixed emotions I rise to speak, but I've come down on the side of hoping that the body does override the Chair. One of the opposition... points of opposition I had to this bill when it was passed a year or so ago was the fact that it had no funding mechanism and I thought the Legislature at that point was saying a lot of things positive about campaign finance reform, but without any money it