

third thing is, as Senator Schellpeper said, the communities are using that money in the way that they...to upgrade their communities. Denton is going to build a community center. They have paved streets. They have paved sidewalks and so on with the keno money. So that's the third thing, the third reason that I don't like the amendment and that I will support the Chair and I just feel strongly that, as Senator Warner said, you can put in an A bill and take your chances with everybody else to try to get some money here at the end to support the public funding if you think that public funding is so important. But right now we've done so many things to this bill this late afternoon and evening that I think everybody is getting a little confused and the further we go with it, the worse it gets. But I do think that what started out as a bill to continue the campaign finance reform to refine it, make it better, but the last thing I'll say is, I'm not one of these people that thinks that every bill that is introduced here or anywhere else in this country has to be passed. The beauty of our government, of our form of government is that we do not things too quickly. We do not have one person, one dictator saying, you're going to do this or we'll take you out and shoot you. No, we have that ability to go as slowly as we need to and I just...this particular concept as far as I know, I'm quite sure, I asked around, never had a hearing. I think you'd have probably had every mayor in the State of Nebraska down here against it. So for all those reasons I'll support the Chair. I will not vote for the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Abboud, you're next on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

SENATOR HALL: The question has been called. Do I see five seconds? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Beutler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, just a question. Didn't Senator Abboud speak once already on this issue?

SENATOR HALL: No, he did not. He raised the issue of germaneness. He did not speak to it. You were then given an opportunity to respond and I recognized you as the principal author of the amendment.