

this thing passed. I understand some of the technical concerns that have been raised about the campaign spending, but none of those reasons or arguments apply to aggregate PAC contributions or businesses or unions and that sort of thing. Those...and none of the arguments we have been considering apply to page 8, starting at line 18 through 28 and I would ask...my amendment would simply make the effective date of those aggregate limits January 1, 1994 so that they would be in effect at the time of the next election. If we do this, at least we'll have some piece of campaign finance reform in place. If we don't do this we will have no significant campaign finance reform in effect for the next election. Now when this particular act was debated two years ago there was a great deal of discussion about making limits, putting limits in on individual PACs and corporations and other type of special interest givers and that was debated back and forth and it was determined at that time that, and the vote was to go with the aggregate limits and see how that went and then take a look at the individual contributions by businesses and PACs. And there was no argument raised at that time about delaying this particular provision because there simply is no reason to delay it and certainly we can't determine whether or not these kinds of limits are effective and have an impact on campaign finance if we don't put them into effect. So I guess I would await any argument, to hear any argument whatsoever that would be contra to putting the aggregate PAC limits into effect for this next election. And with that, Mr. President, I would urge that we adopt the amendment which puts into effect the aggregate limits for political action committees and businesses as defined in the act as amended for this next election. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. That was the opening on the Senator Ashford's amendment. Senator Lynch, on the Ashford amendment. Senator Lynch waives off. Senator Schimek, on the Ashford amendment. Senator Schimek doesn't seem to be on the floor at present. Senator Abboud, on Senator Ashford's amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, would Senator Ashford yield to a question?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Ashford, would you respond, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Ashford, I don't have a copy of your amendment in front of me. What does the amendment do?