

bill forward we would not have had this legislation into law at the current time. I'm willing to rely upon his judgment in seeing that the implementation date is delayed and for that reason I will be opposing Senator Ashford's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Bromm, on the Ashford amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I support the intent of Senator Ashford's effort to enact this section of the bill. I see no reason to delay this section. I also agree with Senator Abboud that probably the limits maybe are inappropriate and should be reduced, but that's something we could always do. I think the amendment as we have it right now is fine. There's no reason to delay this. It doesn't cost the state any money and so I do support Senator Ashford in his effort. I'm tempted to run an amendment to the amendment, changing the limits but I don't think that I have the data or information upon which to be...to offer anything with a basis and so I hope that the interim study that I hope occurs will address this and take a look at it so that perhaps next year we could take a serious look at the limits that are set forth in 32-1608 and perhaps look at reducing those. Twenty-five thousand dollars from any one source for a candidate for the Legislature is a tremendous amount of money in my, at least in my book, and I think that's inappropriate. I think if we would just about cut everything in half, at least, that that would be very appropriate but that's something we can always look at and I thank Senator Ashford for thinking about enacting this section of the law.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Withem, on the Ashford amendment.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Hall, members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Ashford amendment. It's kind of interesting that last year just about this time with just about these many days left the campaign finance legislation was winding its way through the Legislature. It was late in the evening, very similar circumstances that I remember when we began debating the concept of limitations on corporate and PAC contributions. People didn't think a whole lot of that amendment. It got whatever majority it needed to get adopted and that pretty much sealed the fate until later we came along with a last minute compromise, but it pretty much sealed the