

fate of any progress towards campaign finance reform at that time. I raised that as an issue because there appears to be a lazy late afternoon, early evening sort of mood to us that whatever the amendment does is probably okay. I don't think it is okay. I think that the campaign finance bill that came through the Legislature last year was one with a lot of give and take, a lot of thought, a lot of compromise. I don't think imposing one provision of that statute in this election cycle without the rest of it going together makes sense. Now I was prepared to support the Beutler amendment that did not get supported so it seems very apparent that we are going to delay most of this bill anyway. I think it would be a mistake to impose a part of it prior to the rest of it going through. I think I would urge the members of the body not to support the Ashford amendment at this time.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I would just like to concur what Senator Withem has just said and say that, you know, we've got a lot of other business to do here tonight. Hopefully we're going to get to some more bills. Whatever we debate here tonight will probably have to be debated again here next year. I think we're spinning our wheels. I think we ought to withdraw all of our amendments. We ought to advance the bill and we ought to go on to something else. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Vrtiska, on the Ashford amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I rise to support, or was going to suggest what Senator Schimek has suggested, that we strike all the amendments and get on with this bill the way it was originally framed because I think we...I also think we're spending a lot of time that we could be using much more wisely, so with that I thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Are there any more speakers, Mr. President?

SENATOR HALL: I'm sorry, Senator Ashford, yes, Senator Baack is next.