

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well I would defer to Senator Baack.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Baack, on the Ashford amendment.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I'm going to rise in opposition to Senator Ashford's amendment, not that I don't understand why he is doing what he is doing because I do understand that. I understand that he thinks that this portion of the bill should go into place, but I think we should delay the implementation of this whole act for two more years until we have a better chance to look at it, until the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee has a chance to do their interim study and take a look at all aspects of this bill, the aggregates and everything. I expect them to look at all aspects of this bill before it goes into place in two years and I think that that would be the best method for us to deal with this situation, is to simply move on...I still want to argue very strongly that we need to leave certain portions of this bill and that's the...and plus the delay because I think that accountability and disclosure for them to properly do their job and get ready to implement the campaign finance reform needs a number of the provisions that are in this bill for recordkeeping purposes. They need that in place and that's why I agreed to put it back. After the committee had amended them out, I sat down with accountability and we discussed and they said these are simply technical kind of changes that need to be made, that need to be put into place so that they can properly implement the Campaign Finance Limitation Act. There was only policy change in. I visited with Dannie Trautwein. She said there was one policy change that accountability made in that and that policy change was going from the limitation on contributions for reporting from \$100 to \$250. We reversed that tonight. It went back to present law. That was really the only policy change that was made in the amendments to 587. They are very, very technical in nature, and allow them to do their job in putting those two acts together to make them work when the campaign finance reform comes in place. The delay date is simply on the Campaign Finance Limitation Act, but the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Act is also part of this and it allows them to set up their mechanism for their reports and all those kind of things to make the two acts mesh and that's why we needed the provisions of LB 587. So I would rise at this point and oppose Senator Ashford's amendment. I think we should move on with this issue and let the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs