

through doing that I sat down with accountability and disclosure and they said, really for us to make our mechanisms work and stuff, we would like these pieces put back into the bill to make it work and to make our job work and to make these two acts mesh and that's when I agreed to put them back in the bill. I find myself up here having to defend the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission and that's not even a group that I particularly care for. We have never...we've had our struggles in the past and we've had our conflicts in the past and...but I still think and they have convinced me that they are correct. We have had a number of meetings. We've sat down and talked this over very carefully and I think there's some changes that need to be made to make sure that the acts fit together when we get to the point that the campaign finance limitation goes into place. So that's why I'm doing this. I'm not trying to subvert any process, I'm not trying to do anything sneaky. It's just a matter of this is what they tell me needs to be done to make this process work and that's all that I'm asking you to do. So I would ask you to reject this amendment and simply pass on the technical changes that are made in this bill. As I said earlier, the one policy change we made in the bill was going from the contribution limit from 100 to \$250. That was made, the accountability suggested that. We rejected that in this body. We went back to the \$100. It calls for more reporting. It's going to call for more paperwork on their part. It's not a problem for me. We have to fill out all the paperwork anyway and whether I fill out five forms or six, it doesn't matter to me. It can be done. So I would just simply ask that we pass the bill in its present form. We don't need any more amendments to this bill. I think it's in good shape and it allows political accountability to proceed in the way they need to proceed and it allows the campaign finance to be put off for two years which I think needs to be done and at that point then I think then the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee will do their study in the interim and they'll come back and they'll suggest policy changes. There are no policy changes in 587. They are simply mechanisms for reporting, dates for reporting, time periods for reporting, that's what is in LB 587 and I think that those things need to stay in place so that they're allowed to do their job and then if we have policy changes that we need to make, we can do that in the next session. So with that I would urge you to reject the Pirsch amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Baack. Senator Schimek, on