

the Pirsch amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, members of the body, I guess I rise in opposition to this amendment. I was hoping that we could withdraw the amendments and push the bill on forward and get on with our business. I'm really not certain why we need to do this. I mean on General File we decided to do it and I guess some people weren't listening closely enough or whatever and didn't realize it until after it was done. But the bill itself does do some good things. You know it does address this split between the primary and the general. It does establish a separate reporting mechanism for public funds and it adjusts reporting periods to accommodate the act. Now maybe all that wasn't necessary right now. It's not going to hurt anything right now. I can't understand why we're wasting our time right now talking about this. It's not going to be implemented until a couple years down the road anyway. If we come up with some changes next year accountability will have to take that into consideration, but that's true whenever you pass a bill. You know we might be completely done with this bill today, we might have funded it, we might have done everything that we needed to do to it and next year we might come back and change it again and accountability would have to deal with that again. I just don't see the necessity of prolonging this debate. We took care of this on General File and as far as I'm concerned that's what we need to do now. We need to move on and get this bill across to Final Reading because we need to do something about the date of implementation. Thank you very much.

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

SENATOR WITHEM: Call the question.

SENATOR HALL: That won't be necessary. Your light is the last one on, Senator Withem. Thank you. Senator Pirsch, to close on your amendment. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a brief word, this simply puts the delaying operative language and strikes the new language and keeps the bill as it was passed last year with the delaying date and the committee will then go forward with the interim study and who knows what the committee will come up with in this interim. Thank you.