

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. You've heard the close on the amendment offered by Senator Pirsch. The question is, shall the amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR HALL: The amendment is not adopted.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend the bill. (Beutler amendment appears on page 2194 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler, on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is another attempt to do what we need to do and that is to fund this matter. You know right now we have a bill that makes certain technical amendments and then the only thing that happens is it delays everything that we've done before by two years and we refuse to face funding which is one problem we need to solve with this bill and we need to sit down and smooth out the primary General Fund, general election distinction. Those are the only two things we need to do to have a really good campaign finance reform bill and for some reason we don't even want to think about it. We're putting it off. This amendment for funding says that beginning with the 1994 tax year the Tax Commissioner shall include on the individual income tax form space in which an individual taxpayer may, if a refund is due, designate two dollars of such refund as a contribution to the Campaign Finance Limitation Cash Fund. So all it's saying is that with regard to the state income tax and with regard to those individuals who have a refund coming on the state income tax, we are going to allow them to voluntarily put a couple of bucks into the campaign finance reform fund and if we do that, I don't have a calculation at the moment for how much money that would bring in. I know that the last time that there was a bill like this several years ago that the Department of Revenue estimated the amount of money that would be brought in was about \$300,000. So I think you could assume that somewhere, a conservative estimate of somewhere around \$300,000 would be the amount of revenue brought in. If we're delaying this two years, if you bring in \$300,000 a year for the next three or four years, you will begin to have a fund hopefully that is up there where we need to get in order to accomplish what we set out to