

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: So if, in fact, there was a joint return, together they could check off up to \$4 a return?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Okay. I understand the concerns about the funding and I frankly think this is a good way to do it. I'm not sure, how did you get your estimates, just another question, how did you get your estimates of how much you think this might generate?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, seven years ago before we actually had, before Senator Baack actually got through some real campaign finance reform provisions there was another bill just like this one. So I'm copying that bill. There was a fiscal note attached to that and that's where my information came from.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Okay, thank you very much.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Hohensteir Senator Schimek, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Since nobody is taking my wise counsel tonight and withdrawing all the amendments I guess I might as well join the crowd and say, Senator Beutler, I'm going to support this amendment because I think you do make some valid points that even if we are not sure that the bill is in shape, there is no reason why we can't have the funding begin and to my notion, this is like Senator Bromm, this is my favorite kind because it is directly tied to something that people want to do. Now I'd like to follow up on the question that Senator Hohenstein asked and when those estimates were made back in whatever year it was, were those estimates based on a political checkoff or were they based on a wildlife checkup, I mean, do you know?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It was a political campaign reform bill just like this one.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. I'm aware of those bills and I'm also aware that at one time some of those checkoffs, like, for instance, in our sister State of Iowa, used to bring in a healthy amount of money. Now in Iowa today that has fallen off and I don't know if that's because it has been around for a while or if people don't checkoff as much as they used to and I