

and I'm curious about how many people...I don't have any problem with this concept because the idea of taking it from some other source doesn't bode too well with me simply because I think a rose is a rose by any other name and I think as we learned from Senator Chambers yesterday or Friday, a tax is a tax by any other name and basically if we...the old story that the keno money is not to tax money, it certainly may be true except that if that money is not used for campaign reform, then it's used in the general budget, the General Fund budget and you know, you can cut it anyway you want to but you still come out by using that many dollars. My worst fear of this whole process, and I hate to say this, but I think that the attitude that the...this is being done to improve the image of the Legislature is a fallacy. If you think that putting tax money into a cause of financing candidates, will it do much to improve the image of the institution? I disagree because I can't think of very many people that want to do that unless they decide, if they want to give money they want to give it to somebody and not necessarily to where this might go and I have a real problem with the kinds of funds that we're talking about. This is probably the only part of this bill I could even support and that is because if people want to give it voluntary, that's what they should do and if they don't want to give it, I don't care if it's keno or taxes or General Fund money or what, I think it's just not...I just don't think it's the way that I would want to approach the funding of a campaign reform as important as it may be to change the way we handle our campaigns now. It just appears to me that this is not the direction that many of the taxpayers or people across the state would necessarily think that much better of us because they help get us elected, not necessarily your candidate but any candidate. So I don't know if this is going to go anywhere and I'm sure you don't either, but this is about the only concept that I personally could support. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Hartnett, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Beutler, I think you have a good idea but I think I remember back a few years ago when I was on the Revenue Committee and when the Orr income tax form came into place and I think we're going to add something, you know, some lines to the tax form and was going to cost a lot of money and I guess, you know, I would support it. I just...and I ask, you know, people from the executive branch out back if they would have some numbers on how