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The proposal to prevent an unexcused absent Senator from using any contributions is an intrusion into the relationship between a politician and the contributor. This proposal is obviously aimed at Republicans at this time. But both parties have used the provisions of the unexcused absence to break a quorum when the stakes are high. The changes that have been considered and the ones that are anticipated could change the entire fabric of society. The legislature is created to represent and protect all the citizens of this state while preserving the freedoms of the individual. Contributions are voluntary and the rules should not abridge this freedom. If only the position of a majority is adopted without consideration of the minority we evolve into mob rule. This proposal is punitive in its intent and should not be adopted as it will hurt everyone at some point.

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