

housekeeping provision to ensure that records that are nonpublic records are protected no matter what their status, no matter who has control over them, that's all. Doesn't expand on what is not available to the public, it does not seal off anything that currently does not already enjoy some type of exception with regard to it being a public record. I am not upset or angry with Senator Witek. I mean, you know, if she wants to address these things that's fine. I mean this was an amendment she had filed and we did say we'd talk about on Select again, and I can deal with this amendment straight up. But to say that, you know, when you file five additional amendments this morning that aren't printed and we talk about not wanting to be sloppy in our law-making, I guess, you know, we don't hold that same standard when we draft amendments dealing with issues. I guess somehow we feel that on the 87th day that we are going to recreate the wheel on a bill that nobody opposed, that the auditor submitted materials to, recommended changes to that were adopted unanimously, that came out of consent calendar and that Senator Witek wants to stand up and, you know, chastise the Legislature somehow, or individual members of the Legislature and somehow raise the issue that we are doing something that is not above board somehow, or doesn't already...isn't already reflected in statute. And frankly the genesis of this issue is not because of something that might have happened over the interim, what it relates to is a court order. It's in response to a ruling by a Lancaster County district judge who said that those records are in fact not public. And I don't know how you can basically say that somehow those records are not public. The court can say that in interpreting the statute, but then somehow when they no longer are controlled by that individual who is responsible for the records, when they're shifted over for purposes of the audit, somehow they become public. And that's in fact in so many words what the Attorney General said, that somehow when they change hands they become public. And in order to correct that there has to be statutory authority or statutory changes to ensure that those records, no matter whose control they're under, retain what they have already had and that is their nonpublic status. That's the genesis of the bill, not anything else. And, frankly, what it does is...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...keep us in line with that court order. It is I continue to say a housekeeping measure and I stand by that. It does not shut off at all any accountability, it does not