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are public documents. That doesn't mean, in my opinion, that every time they have to get legal advice it's justified to go beyond the three days or whatever time limit we establish, but it does mean that it may be a significant difficulty under the language of the bill. And I would simply, once again, give my time to Senator Brashear and ask if that would be his understanding also of the language of the bill and the meaning of "significant difficulty". Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, thank you, Senator Beutler. And, yes, I very much appreciate your willingness to withdraw the amendment. I want to stand in confirmation of the fact that those who participated in the conceptualization and formation and work on this bill have...have always...they dealt with the issue of legal difficulty or needing legal advice. They intended that the phrase "significant difficulty" would comprehend the instances in which the custodian of the public record, in fact, felt the need or had the desire to get legal advice. So it is not always to be that but significant difficulty does include the occasion upon which the custodian seeks legal advice, and I so indicate. Thank you. I'd yield the time back to Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bruning, did you want to comment on any of this? Okay. With that, then, Mr. Speaker, I'd withdraw that amendment, and the last amendment I have up is AM2733, which I would also withdraw.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to the bill, Senator Coordsen, AM2918, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 1140.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen, you are recognized to open.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This amendment is, in fact, a bill that I introduced on behalf of the Secretary of State. You may recall several years ago the Speaker and I introduced several pieces of legislation that had