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amend with AM3348. (Legislative Journal page 1674.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, to open on your amendment, AM3348, to AM3321.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, AM3348 would clarify the definition of "gift" under the Accountability and Disclosure Act. Under current law there are two separate definitions of "gift". One applies only to the lobbying sections of the act, and the other applies to all other sections. The definition in 49-1490 applies to lobbying practices, and following the amendment on General File to the section governing reporting of gifts of tickets by sponsoring agencies and institutions. The definition in 1423 applies to all other sections of the act, in particular the reporting of gifts on the statement of financial interest. With the elimination of the exception for admissions to state-sponsored facilities and events, which will take place on the passage of this bill, only two significant differences would remain between the two definitions. Food and drink for immediate consumption is excluded from the definition of "gift" in the lobbying sections, but not in the general definition. Occasional provision of transportation within the state is excluded from the definition in the lobbying sections, but not in the general definition. AM3348 would simply make the two definitions the same. There's no, apparently, or readily apparent reason for a distinction or for having two definitions. The exceptions for food and drink for immediate consumption and occasional transportation make sense, simplify the act, and I would urge the adoption of the amendment to the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on AM3348 to AM3321. Open for discussion. There are no lights on. Senator Brashear, did you wish to close on your amendment? Senator Brashear waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM3348 be adopted to AM3321 to LB 1021? All in favor of the question vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on AM3348 to AM3321. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays on the adoption of Senator Brashear's amendment.