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Department of Revenue. There's a penalty for that. It's a Class IV felony, which is a rather severe penalty, but I think that's appropriate because obviously you don't want an auditing team removing documents, original documents, from the Department of Revenue. I think that summarizes the amendment and the salient changes from what you saw in the amendment on General File and the...and the differing elements as opposed to LB 507 that was advanced by the Revenue Committee. And, again, I would hope that we have struck an appropriate balance between what the companies see as a need for confidentiality of their records, our needs to determine whether or not the programs are being administered in accordance with the law, and information that we can legitimately use for our...for our economic models, either to verify them, or to refine them, or to check and verify the analysis that we have previously performed. With that, Mr. President, I'd be happy to respond to questions if there are any. Senator Kristensen does have an amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend AM1909 with...or AM1908 with AM1909. (Legislative Journal page 1863.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open on your amendment to your amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, if you're wondering why this particular procedural move is being made, on General File Senator Wickersham, as he explained, had an audit amendment. I thought that was too broad. It covered so many other things, it was more than a nose under the tent. It was the tent riding on top of the camel. So we've...we've scaled that back and we've had quite a few negotiations over the last, oh, week or so. Inevitably what happens with these, there's always one more issue that you have to talk about at some point in time. Senator Wickersham stopped and I stopped and we agreed upon the base document. That is AM1908. The last amendment was not fair to Senator Wickersham in terms of saying you've got to put it in