

with which a majority of the people in this Legislature may not agree but there is a very good solution to that and that is simply, that if you do not like the manner in which the law develops, simply bring a bill to the Legislature and we will add another specific item to the statute or another specific principle to clear up your problem. There is a means of dealing with that mode of operation and I would like to say I think on behalf of the introducers of the bill, that we are not wedded to the concept of listing only eight items. If you only want to list five or if you want to add two or three more, we invite you to come to us and suggest that and we would be glad to add that on on Select File. That is not to say that we would agree with you in principle but we would be glad to put it on as an amendment and let the legislative body decide. It would be as simple as that. But I guess, finally, that there is one plea that I would like to make to you. If you agree with the concept, if you agree that we are headed in the right direction, then advance the bill and let's get the further refinements that we need on the way down. We are starting out in a new area, a whole new area of the Accountability Commission law. We are going to try to make some important distinctions now, distinctions that need to be made. We will not be able to make them all at once and experience shows that we will probably not make the best decision in each and every case even on the ones we are making now. But I think that is important to start and I think in a sense we have the wind at our back in the sense that I am very confident that public opinion on this question is very, very strong in support of heading down the road that we are suggesting that you take. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you want the floor?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I know the hour is getting late. I know that we have just debated a very important bill and you are probably tired but let me just very briefly follow up on Senator Beutler's comments. Again, the proposal before you, LB 134 was developed in cooperation with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. They went through a series of hearings and discussions and developed the bill which was brought to a number of the members of the Legislature that had expressed interest in the issue. We sat down with them. We developed the bill further and so you could say in essence that the bill before you is a bill from the Accountability and Disclosure Commission modified by the introducers of the bill to try and better reflect some of the concerns that we had. Now I was asked to talk a bit about, well, what are the differences? What are the