

Committee and, if you will recall, at the time this whole discussion came up on the appointment of Ron Tussing to head the Patrol, there were some news stories that mentioned some other departments where department heads or agency heads had relatives who had been hired by other departments or agencies. And I recall, for instance, the Secretary of Agriculture had a cousin who worked for another agency or department, I don't recall the particulars right now, but there were a number of those that were illustrated by the news stories. My concern is if we don't define this more carefully, we really will be setting up some future problems. Is a cousin, for instance, family? If a first cousin is family, is a fifth cousin family? Is a daughter family when she does not any longer live in the family home and is completely self-supportive? I think you could go on with a number of illustrations and I don't want to prolong this debate but I just want to raise the question and ask Senator Baack if he would have any problems with an amendment to this that would clarify that term.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek, I did anticipate that this might come up, and, no, I would not. If there is a way of coming up with a definition, I would not have a problem with it. The only definition that I know of that exists in a family is in the accountability statutes. There is a definition of family in those statutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That we might be able...

SPEAKER BAACK: That we might be able...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...to look at that definition and simply adopt that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, thank you. With that, I would just like to say that we will come back on Select File with some kind of an amendment that more clearly defines family. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, the only reason I'm speaking on this bill at all this morning is that I want to clarify my position in December, or I think it was December, when the Governor first announced his intention to