

it part of a legislative function because if, in the event that statutory changes are needed or required or budgetary issues are involved then, if there have been legislators involved the likelihood of implementation of those recommendations is going to be much greater than is possible with someone outside doing these in which there was no legislative participation in its development. I could go into more detail, but...as to how it exactly would work, be glad to respond to questions, but I move that the bill then would be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Beutler. Oh, excuse me, Senator Beutler. We have an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Schimek would move to amend the bill, AM3007. (Senator Schimek's AM3007 is found on pages 1640-41 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, you have on your desk before you Amendment 3007. I had entered it this morning and hoped to have it printed in the Journal, never dreaming that we were going to get to this bill already today, but we're here and so I apologize for not having it any further in advance. But this bill or this amendment you might be familiar with already because it was my bill, LB 493, which would have established performance evaluations to be done by the State Auditor. What this amendment does is says that it shall be the Auditor of Public Accounts who shall do these program evaluations, but it goes on to say that the legislative evaluation program...or Program Evaluation Committee shall oversee those performance audits, shall provide to the auditor of public accounts a list of the audits to be done during the fiscal year and then the auditor performs these, these studies and these audits, and delivers a report back to the Legislature to the Legislative Program Evaluation Committee and the report shall include a scope of the analysis, the criteria considered, standards used, and the findings and evaluations relative to the program analyzed. I have to tell you I feel like David going against Goliath here this afternoon because Jerry Warner, as the Dean of the Legislature, has a firm understanding of the legislative process and of state government itself and I think that he and I are both in agreement on the need for program evaluation. I guess that I would like to make a pitch that what