

to submit ideas and possibilities to that committee. And then that committee will decide which entities and which portions of agencies it will choose to hone in on, so to speak. LR 3, and I guess the only thing I'm going to say out loud, LR 3 is really the first action this body has taken in reaction to 988. I don't know necessarily if this sort of procedure to get things in front of that committee is the best thing to do. The reason I say that is I don't think that that performance audit function, one thing I have had great concerns of, one of the reasons the state auditor and myself have been at odds on some of this stuff, I have great, great concerns of politicizing that process. And with the advance of LR 3 we, as a body, are saying we want that committee to undertake that study, which is fine. But I think it needs to be said in the record that we, by ourselves, can't make that decision in here. I think LR 3 will become the same as the senators request to that committee as the Governor's request to that committee. And then that committee, that five member committee will make the decision as to what agencies we're going to look at. And the reason that is important is I don't think, you know, whatever becomes the political hot button, that committee should not be reacting to. On the other hand, if this body gets upset with the state agency for political reasons, we should not use that performance audit function as a political tool to beat them over the head with, or a threat, or anything like that. I know LR 3 is not a threat to anyone, it's not intended to be that way. But I think there is a...I have some concern over the precedent with LR 3, obviously, not so much that I'm going to oppose its passage. But I am going to state for the record that LR 3, by itself, does not mandate...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...that performance audit committee to do anything. I think LR 3 will become a request like any of the senators request. That committee will meet, we will probably sele...either before the regular session or soon after the regular session in January. At that point in time that committee has the power to make a decision on what we're going to do at that time. And so I just want to...there's a concern about precedent here. I'm going to support LR 3, as long as the understanding is that is certainly...passage of this resolution does not bind that committee.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Schmit.