

SENATOR WITEK: So (interruption)...

SENATOR HALL: ...or there is a (interruption)...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...law that does that as well.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a bill with which I have had very little to do in terms of offering amendments or anything else because regardless of what this bill or any other one says, I am going to conduct my affairs according to the ruling we got from Judge Blue and what is in the law with reference to confidentiality. I routinely ask people, when I talk to them, would they like to have the auditor contact them about what we talk about? Would they want me to discuss it with the auditor? And routinely they say, no. I mark them all off. And the auditor was suggesting about Senator...who used to be here and he is not now...Senator Haberman because he marked off a large number of calls, that, in itself, raises a suspicion that something wrong has been done. First of all, when the law authorizes us to maintain the confidentiality of our calls, the fact that that law is made use of cannot raise a probable cause to believe that a crime is being committed. And the reason I am mentioning this, some of you have asked me about how I felt if you had to mark off a large number of calls. I said the number is not important. If the person you talked to wants it kept confidential or you feel it should be kept confidential, mark it off. And I will tell you all what I've been doing, and I've mentioned it to the members of the Executive Board. Because of that attempt by the auditor and the Attorney General to find a way to make confidential calls somehow not confidential, instead of going through, because I have so many I mark off and scribbling out each one, then photocopying that, so they can't hold it up to the light, as they do to see what the number was, I cut out a piece of paper wide enough to cover all those numbers, and just paste it down and photocopy that, and it saves a lot of time. But the on'y calls of mine that probably will not be marked off are those to news media people, if it is one of those situations where they are not concerned about it being known; if I call some other governmental agency, provided they don't care about