

it's Executive Board had not acted on it and as soon as we had that information available to us, we did act in a timely manner but the problem was that there were individuals that were involved with the investigation that had already spoke to the press. There was nothing to prevent that. It's just that it did not work in a very effective way. This, I think, gets the information out there, discloses it unless there is a need, as seen by the public counsel, to keep it private because of an ongoing investigation.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, I undeistand there is an amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend with AM1379. It is found in the Journal on page 1445.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This amendment makes a substantive change to this section of law and I want to just offer it now, have people take notice of it and I'm going to bring it back on Select File. This provision with regard to the "whistle blowers act", the Government Effectiveness Act, there's no provision in it as it relates to a statute of limitations and I really believe, I talked to the public counsel, Mr. Lux, about this. He has drafted the amendment that you find on page 1445 of the Journal. Rather than debate this issue today as Senator Wesely pointed out, both he and Senator Landis were sponsors of this original legislation, I want to offer the amendment, had it printed in the Journal, but will have it, discussions with folks that are involved and if there is agreement where this issue can be addressed within the time limits that are allowed on Select File for this bill, then fine, we'll proceed with it. If not, it will come back in the form of legislation next year that will address this because I really believe that there needs to be some point in time down the road where retaliation is no longer an issue for individuals. Now the question is, at what point in time is that? If it's two years, I believe, as it's written in this amendment, or if it's a year, or if it's four years, there's got to be a point in time at which that is not an available option for employees who somehow feel that they've been aggrieved because of the actions of their supervisor who they might have used this act to file a complaint with. So I