

and consciences agree that that's what we should do ourselves for our own agencies as well, and I'll talk about that more when we get to the bill. But I appreciate your answer, Senator Maurstad. Sounds like a good idea if we don't have to change the language to accomplish what we just talked about, do we?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Well, Senator Lynch, if the amendment is adopted, as I indicated to Senator Hall, will certainly look at this particular language to see if it can be written a little more clearly to indicate that what we're really talking about is adding a line in the reporting requirements. We're not talking about a separate audit and that it might very well be something that we can just rely on the...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...normal auditing procedures of the subdivisions to be able to handle what we're trying to address here and that being the accountability.

SENATOR LYNCH: I've come to respect, with great admiration, his good intentions. I accept that now with this particular amendment. We have Select File to look at it again and thank you very much for the answers.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, I rise in support of Senator Maurstad's amendment, but, unlike Senator Lynch, I want to see it in writing. So what the proposal would...I think really all we'd have to do is to say that the governing body would put it as a line, they would be able to calculate the amount and list it in their audit that would then be submitted to the auditor of public accounts. I think that would accomplish the issue that we're talking about just so that there would be the reporting of it, but yet we would leave to the local subdivision, the local governing body the process by which they currently exercise that audit authority, whether it be through the use of the auditor's office or through a private entity that they may contract with right now and I think if we do that we can clean the amendment up without any problem. And whether it's here on General File or on Select, Senator Maurstad, are you agreeable to that kind of a proposal?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator Hall, certainly more than willing to