

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

CLERK: It's found on page 2349, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I'm sorry, I didn't understand that I was recognized for opening, but...members of the body, this amendment addresses several issues in connection with the bill. We have worked with Senator Lynch and others who are interested in the amendment. I believe it's in good shape. It's a little bit difficult to follow because it addresses changes both in the E & R amendments and in the Standing Committee amendments, AM1400, but let me just describe to you what it does and then if you have questions about how it does it, we'll be happy to try to respond. It addresses two different areas, one is gifts and the other is the scope of the bill itself. In the area of gifts we're being more explicit about what is to be reviewed in terms of gifts before acceptance. One of the provisions in the amendment makes clear that it is not intended to apply to personal property. It is not intended to apply to cash. It is not intended to apply to an automobile. It is not intended to apply to a horse, for example. It is intended to apply to a kind of property that some of you might under some circumstances think is personal property, but I would call it real property or a structure and that is a building that has been detached from land and it's intended to be reattached to land in some form. I don't want to leave any impression that that would be considered personal property under the terms of this bill. But there are other forms of personal property that are explicitly excluded as I noted, cash, stocks, bonds, so forth. Those are not intended to be covered. Those are not intended to be brought to the Legislature for approval before acceptance. It also makes clear that gifts to the state colleges and the university are not subject to the bill. Those would be subject to review by the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission. So those are the changes in terms of the scope of what gifts are covered. I don't think it was ever intended that personal property be covered, but that is maybe largely a clarifying amendment. The other change in the gift area that I would suggest to you is substantive, is authority to given to the Executive Board upon a recommendation from the Building and Maintenance Committee whether to accept a gift or not. Now that applies for those days when the Legislature is out of session and there might be some need to express legislative approval for acceptance of a gift. So that