

bill to do, it's just clarifying a little bit. And it's not harassing, and neither are my other amendments following up. My other amendments specifically say the press has access, or limiting it to the Legislature. Those are some of the things that I have concerns to. In case people aren't quite sure of what the working papers are, or what the auditor can audit, this is just a sampling from the fourth quarter legislative report that we received. They audit the state colleges, Chadron, Wayne and Peru, they audit the Nebraska Lottery, these are the audit reports that we're talking about. Those are...there's a lot of areas, the audit report of Nebraska Public Employee Retirement System, the PERB board, these are all areas that the audit report of the Nebraska State Historical Society. We're talk...with this bill we're talking about all those areas of state government that Senator Hall's bill, as written, would seal off all the working papers for all those audit reports. And I think that's even broader than even Senator Hall intended, maybe I'm wrong, Senator. But I think from reading the committee statement it's broader than even what you had intended and maybe they didn't have...I don't know if they have concerns or not, because a lot of times legislation, I have learned people aren't aware of it because they're busy and they have other lives and they're not focused on the Legislature. Sometimes we'll pass something and then they'll become aware of it and then it's a problem, and then we have to come back and fix it. So what I'm trying to do here, and this first amendment is probably the most important amendment. It exactly defines what I would like to see done with the bill. I don't think it hurts your bill, I don't think it changes it, I think it clarifies it, I think it does exactly what you said that you wanted to do and that is allow those areas that are already open to remain open under the Public Records Laws, and those other areas that are not yet covered in statute, to seal those off. And I think that's what I interpret your intentions to be. And when I interpreted those to be the intentions of this bill we fashioned this amendment to go along with those. And I hope people will realize the scope of this bill, entire area of government that's covered by this bill that we are sealing off those working papers to, it's a very broad area, in encompasses a lot of the areas that I don't think...I don't think should be sealed off. We already allow those areas to be open to the public under the Public Records Law. And with this legislation we are amending the Public Records Law. So I want senators to be aware of that, that if you wanted it to be just those areas possibly that concern the Legislature then that's one thing and