

Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Witek would move to amend. Senator, AM2555 in front of me.

SENATOR WITEK: I'd like to withdraw 255 (sic) and 256 (sic) and just go directly to 2557, please. (Amendment may be found on page 2622 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We're on amendment 2557, 55 and 56 will be withdrawn. Senator Witek, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: What this amendment would do is limit the section on public audit reports and nonpublic audit files to only the Legislature and it will not affect any other public bodies which are subject to audit by the State Auditor. If your intent is to protect the working papers of the Legislature then this amendment would do so. It would seal off those and make certain that those records are not available to the public and it would not affect any other public entity that is now subject to audit by the State Auditor, that includes the lottery and the departments across the state and the colleges. Those areas would still be subject to the Public Records Law and have their working papers and whatever else that is now currently available to the public still available to the public, and it would only affect the Legislature. This bill would only affect the Legislature. It would limit the section on public audit reports and nonpublic audit files to just the Legislature. If that's your intent with this bill by moving this bill forward, and obviously you didn't want to narrow it for everyone and keep those areas that are now available due to the statute of public records available to the public, then I would hope that there would be a certain amount of people, a majority of individuals who would just limit this shut down of access to the public just to the legislative working papers of our audits. That's what those amendments would do and I would ask for your support. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: You've heard the opening on amendment 2557, offered by Senator Witek. Senator Hall, you're recognized.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in opposition to AM2557 as offered by Senator Witek. The proposal would, as was stated in the opening, limit the provisions of the