

SENATOR HALL: Correct.

SENATOR WITEK: And is that not...the working papers are the underlying record?

SENATOR HALL: No.

SENATOR WITEK: What other...what other papers are the underlying record?

SENATOR HALL: The document itself that would be reported or given to the auditor are public records, they retain their public status. Those taxi cabs you're worried about, public record; our expenses, our per diem, public record. This bill does not change that.

SENATOR WITEK: Those would not be the working papers or the audit file?

SENATOR HALL: No, no, they are not.

SENATOR WITEK: Then what is...what is the working papers?

SENATOR HALL: It is material that the auditor would have himself or herself in terms of putting together the audit. The document itself, if it isn't exempted under Section 6 of the bill, or 84-712.05, it has no exempt status, it is a public record and it continues to be a public record. It is only the working paper that the auditor has in relation to the audit that would be a nonpublic record. So in other words, the press could still get all that information. They could...they would get the actual document, they would get the actual record of those taxi cab rides that you spoke of, that you use as an example. That does not change under this bill at all.

SENATOR WITEK: So you're referring to working papers as only those papers that the auditor's office would use. So only those papers within the auditor's office are being sealed off, none of those papers are being sealed off in any other department.

SENATOR HALL: Correct.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you. Well, I'm glad at least I got that on the record that the working papers and other audit files have nothing to do with any of our records. And in Section 4, where