

you say, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall have access to all of our records in whatever form or mode, unless the auditor's access to the records is limited by state law then, Senator Hall, you would admit (sic) them with this Section 5 or any other portion of this bill that we are not limiting with state law, the auditor's access to those records.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, members, Senator Witek, the answer is we are not limiting, unless they're currently limited presently and the cases I can think of would possibly be law enforcement types of cases, maybe some things that are sealed by the court as it might relate to a juvenile...

SENATOR WITEK: Then what would the purpose of this bill be for?

SENATOR HALL: Because...

SENATOR WITEK: Then it would be totally unnecessary, if we've already covered all those under public meeting...or under Public Records Laws.

SENATOR HALL: But we thought we did, but the Attorney General said when it became water it no longer had its protection. In other words, when the ice became water it was no longer water, it was no longer exempt, it became public. And I mean you're right, I agree with you, but we had an Attorney General who said once it changed form, once that record was no longer in its original form,...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...it ended up in a memo or a letter, then it lost its exempt status. See, we had to pass this proposal to ensure that those things that are listed in Section 6 still have their exempt status no matter what form they happen to come in, and that includes working papers under the auditor. And that's why I don't think the auditor had any problem with this bill.

SENATOR WITEK: So wouldn't you say then in whatever change of form it would occur to those working papers?

SENATOR HALL: Well,...

SENATOR WITEK: Instead of sealing off the working papers themselves you're telling me now that it would only...only if