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SENATOR HALL: Well, in the working papers they have changed forms. What has happened is that they are no longer the original record. They've put them into various...maybe a computer run or different types of spreadsheets, whatever form they may take for purposes of the audit, they're no longer that original record.

SENATOR WITEK: Would that be then our printout of our telephone records?

SENATOR HALL: The printout of our telephone records...

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Hall, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR HALL: I would respond to Senator Witek's question and continue the discussion. The...and feel free to jump in, Senator Witek, and ask questions so we, hopefully, can clarify this. The telephone records when they're submitted are the record that is exempt. And what happened in a particular case, and I again am baffled by the rationale behind the argument that somehow when the record changes form it loses its exempt status, there was questions about phone calls. When those questions were in...put into letter form and then responded to the argument was that, on the part of the Attorney General, that they lost their exempt status because they weren't in that actual printout, that actual record that we get. I fail to understand how the status of the record, no matter whether it's in the original form or if it's in a letter or memoranda somehow no longer is exempt once it's been designated under law to be exempt. And...but that's what the Attorney General said. And he went on to say if you want to do this, you want to...clearly what you got to do is you got to pass a law to exempt them, or you've got to put a penalty in place or both, and that's what we're doing here with regard to 509 as it's before us. So the fact of the matter is that I...I mean it is not an expansion of anything in that it merely says that those records which are public remain to be public, the working papers are not public, any provision or any record that is nonpublic stays nonpublic, including the working papers or any other form that it may take. And that's the rationale behind the bill. It merely...basically