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SENATOR WESELY: Uh-huh.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay, all of the rest of this, in essence, is just going through and cleaning up the change in the terminology relative to the reference of the various departments. There is nothing of substance other than that in the balance of the committee amendments. Is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: That's correct.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: Nothing added, nothing deleted from statutes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Right. Okay. Thank you. And I rise to support the committee amendments and think we should certainly adopt them. Senator Wesely, another question on the green copy. I apologize. I don't know how quickly this is going to go later. Section 4, there isn't anything in Section 2 on page 2 of the green copy that's creating any new mandate, is there?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, no. No, it's more or less intent language, Senator.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. And then on page 36 of the green copy, we talk about the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Standards and Evaluation, the Director of Finance, so since we are identifying those three positions, what we are talking about on page...on line 11, page 36, here again we are talking about that change occurring after January 1st, correct?

SENATOR WESELY: That's correct, yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: And then at that point in time we are saying that they may exempt 30 positions from the State Personnel System. Does that...is that taking them out of the bargaining unit then, I mean so these would become administrative positions?

SENATOR WESELY: Right. They would be, as you know, there is protections within the personnel system for those that are not...aren't given this exemption, and so this does clarify how many people they can.