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which I support, by the way, the amendment that's before the body at this time, which will become the bill, and I have two amendments and they are issues that were brought to me by Legislative Council staff. As Senator Brashear indicated, everyone who was at the table signed off, but the public table is always quite large and it's not always possible to get everyone at the table and get everyone's concerns addressed. So we will be speaking to those, but those amendments will not change, I think, dramatically the character of LB 628 after the Brashear amendment is adopted. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Further discussion on the Brashear amendment, Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. I wonder if Senator Brashear would yield to a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, would you yield?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Senator Brashear, on your amendment, I'm glad that it was a written request that it is. Could you clarify for me when they can...when an entity, let's say the World-Herald wanted to have some raw data from OPS, and they have that raw data ready, but they haven't gotten it ready for the board as yet. Does this bill allow the World-Herald to obtain raw data to...to try to influence and take that raw data and use it to try to influence the board's decision before they even see it?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Suttle, notwithstanding the exciting and dramatic way in which you presented that, I want to assure you that this bill doesn't...anything that the awful World-Herald can do today, they can do then, it doesn't change anything. The definition of a public record remains exactly as it is, so whatever they can do, they will be able to do, and whatever they can't do, they won't be able to do without regard to this legislation.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Okay, thank you. I am concerned about that as...as governing...governance becomes more difficult for those of us who are in elected positions, it is always easy for the