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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, I think with, in particular, Senator Brashear's description of the Attorney General's Opinion that I will make the dubious decision of relying upon an Attorney General's Opinion and withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Beutler, I now have AM2734, with a note you want to withdraw and offer as a substitute AM2997.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would withdraw the substituted amendment also, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: So, Senator, you don't want AM2997? Goes away, is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That goes away also.

CLERK: Thank you. Senator Beutler, AM2735. (Legislative Journal page 1004.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Colleagues, this is the last of the amendments as far as I'm concerned on this particular bill, and this particular amendment, it dealt with a section of the bill that indicated that a request may take longer than three business days to fulfill if, due to a significant difficulty or the extensiveness of the request, a written explanation was not possible within that three-day time period, and it added as an exception that, in addition, if the public entity had difficulty in determining whether a particular document was a public document, for example, and they required legal advice in order to make that determination, that in that instance they might also have cause to take longer than three days to respond to the request for information. And this amendment will be withdrawn. I believe there is an understanding that the words already in the statute which say they can delay for purposes of a significant difficulty, I think everybody is in agreement now that that would include a situation that involved difficulty obtaining legal advice and getting a clear determination as to whether a document is a public document or a series of documents