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200 people there in addition to the senators. What would be expected to be reported by the lobbyist or the organization that sponsored the event?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you for the question, Senator Bromm, and I...this is something that I didn't go into in detail when I was explaining the amendment and Senator Wickersham did get into this a little bit. I think one of my goals and I think the committee's goal also was that instead of reporting that entire cost for 200 people who attend that banquet or that convention that you would prorate the cost for each person who was there and multiple it by the number of senators in attendance, and that is the amount that would be reported as an expense. I think it is going to give the public a much clearer, more accurate picture of what is really being spent.

SENATOR BROMM: And would that just be senators? It would not be spouses of senators?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: This...this would be senators or officials in the executive branch of the state...

SENATOR BROMM: Right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...under this particular area.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Then on the top of page 3, Senator Schimek, where it says: "For purposes of this subdivision, entertainment expenses do not include the cost of events at which the attendance of a member of the Legislature or an official in the executive branch of the state is not the primary reason for the event." Okay, let's just take the situation I just described where "XYZ" organization is having their annual convention in Lincoln and, as part of that convention, they have a banquet, and as part of that banquet they invite the members of the Legislature. This is where it gets a little bit gray for me. That's why I...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Um-hum.

SENATOR BROMM: ...want to try to make sure what the intent is.