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wondering who drops out and who we don't cover that we might want to cover. And so I'll start by saying, why are we making that change from public official as defined at 14,101 in Chapter 49 to the concept of official in the executive branch as it relates to them in 49-1436, please?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, Senator Brashear, thank you for your question. And actually, there were some of us who tried to draft something that would go even further than this. But it got so difficult to draft without bringing in attorneys representing employees and grievances and all of that kind of thing that we left it...some of what we wanted to do out, and that may come later. I don't know if we can figure it out. But for the purposes of 49-...what did you say?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: (Section) 49...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: (Subsection) 1401?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: (Section) 49-14,101 defines public official, employee, candidate, and other individuals. It's a very all-encompassing definition.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right. It was...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And that's what we presently use in these statutes as it relates to gifts and the like.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Now we're transitioning language. And I'm not being critical at all. I'm trying to follow why. Now we're transitioning from the concept "public official" to "official in the executive branch" and they are not the same definition, and so I wondered if you could help us understand why.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, again, in that part of the bill that you're talking about, we bring in the executive official. And that's on the aggregate reporting. So if you have the Attorney General and the Lieutenant Governor and whomever else from the executive branch at that particular dinner, they become a separate category. And that's who we're referring to, the