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SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: And members of the body, that's one thing we have to be careful for, that we are in fact getting what it is we intend. I think none of us want to have this body given credit for the expenses that incur from a state convention just because members of the Legislature are in attendance. That is many times what happens today, out of overcompliance on the part of the lobby. And I would hope that after we've finished with this bill that it will have a system that's cleaner and easier to report, and more accurate with respect to the amount of money that's actually spent lobbying either members of the Legislature or officials of state government. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Thompson, on the amendment.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Schimek, I just have a couple of questions to ask.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you respond, please?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR THOMPSON: And it's in two areas. One is the change in reporting for a gift from a person other than a lobbyist or principal or relative, changing it from \$100 to \$50. So...and this applies to a school board member, a city council member, a legislator, anyone?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Well, the question that I have is...and I guess I can translate this a little bit, personally. If you...if I receive a birthday gift, a Christmas present from a personal friend, someone perhaps you've exchanged gifts with for...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It's reportable if...