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SENATOR VRTISKA: I do too.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yeah.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I mean...my point is that...I agree with this legislation. I don't have any problem with it. My concern is that we're able to cover all the bases and understand whether we are or are not in fact violating the law. And somewhere before...when this all gets through, somebody is going to have to set down some rules so we know...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I don't think it would be a bad idea, even under the old rules,...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Probably not.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...to have that kind of information gone over, and an opportunity for us to ask questions about things that might concern us, either now or in the future. So I would really encourage this body to have that kind of information sharing event take place.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, and you're absolutely right. I know in my particular case, and I suspect everybody in this building has called Frank Daley at times to find out...to make sure that you are following the letter of the law and not in fact doing something...because somebody told me once ignorance is no excuse to the law, and I guess that's probably true. In case you...to say that you didn't know that that was a rule that you should...or a law that you should follow, certainly is not an excuse. And I'm sure it can happen very easily. And it would be much clearer in the minds of many, whatever we end up passing here, if a complete set of rules were...and I'm sure that the Accountability does distribute those. But sometimes they're not, at least in my mind, not completely clear. And what we're doing now, as I view it, is going to be even more difficult to understand if you don't somehow sit down and have a...take the time to really understand what we're doing. With that, I don't want to take up any time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.