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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, on the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm just kind of free-floating here now. I think a person could do what Senator Beutler's amendment suggests without it being in the statute, because the statute, I meant the language would say that a person shall give the amount, and whatever else. I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question before I go farther.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, would this apply both with reference to lobbyists and "nonlobbyists"? By that I meant family members and others who can give you anything of any amount.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, it's in two parts, Senator, and you can have one or the other or both. But, as I explained, I think it has limited value within the "nonlobbyist" situation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in the case of the lobbyist, since they cannot give a gift of more than \$50, is a person required to report an amount received from a lobbyist? You know, a thing of value of less than \$50, is that reportable now?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if...a lobbyist would not be covered, because if it's more than \$50, the lobbyist cannot legally offer it, and the official cannot receive it. So the only place it might have application would be a "nonlobbyist". So I will listen to the discussion and try to see just how these things go. But I will give you time to engage me in a discussion from this. And I won't just give you the time, because after you give an answer I may have another question. So do...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Let me just respond quickly, Senator.