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Chambers, on the Beutler amendment, AM3227.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, sitting here looking at this bill as though it were somebody else's enables me to be very critical. What I think might should be done...and Senator Schimek, I don't want to be rude, and Senator Kristensen, and Senator Wehrbein, those who have talked about this. Maybe what we should consider as we move along is drafting a provision that will deal with everything that you're talking about in terms of these conventions and conferences that legislators attend, and exempt it, instead of trying to say, if it's paid for by so-and-so then it fits under this aspect of the law, and so forth, where nobody is sure just where it falls. That may not be a solution, but it seems to me that might be easier than trying to take each individual conference that somebody might go to and fit it someplace and still not be sure. Senator...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Did you want a response from me, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Did you want to...?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I...that was one reason I suggested that maybe we could visit off the mike about this, and see...we're talking about conferences and then we're talking about conferences. I mean, if you're talking about a conference that's out of state, that is like the ALEC conference we were talking to...or talking about earlier, that's a totally different kind of thing than what Senator Wehrbein is talking about, I think, in terms of, that would be more a state institution sponsored travel.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So here's what I'm asking. Do you think we should draft something that would cover the types of conferences that...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think we...