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funded postsecondary educational institution. That's the sum and substance of the amendment, and I would ask for your approval.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing on AM3281 to the committee amendments to LB 1021. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted to the committee amendments? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? We're voting on the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments. Have you all voted? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Beutler amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Beutler, I now have AM3155, but a note you want to withdraw.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator, I now have AM3226 in front of me, AM3226. (Legislative Journal page 1553.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on AM3226.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this is just a clarifying amendment also. If you look at the language on page 4, lines 13 and 14, and also on line 25, these are the two prohibitive sections. And each one of them talks about the fact that in any one calendar month you can't give any gift with a value of more than \$50. What my amendment does, it says you can't give any gifts with an aggregate value of more than \$50. And what I'm suggesting to you is actually how Accountability and Disclosure has interpreted the law, and I think we all understand the law, but if you look at the law carefully, that's not exactly what it says. And so, since this is a criminal provision and it's important that it be enforceable, I think it's important that it read more precisely. So that's all this amendment does. It doesn't change what the law was intended to do, and I hope that everybody understands