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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, on your amendment. Senator Beutler, you're recognized on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, eventually, here I certainly will take Senator Chambers' advice, but I think there is some value to discussing these with the whole...with the whole body before we go into some kind of negotiating session. But obviously this problem has to be solved, and obviously it can't be solved in the way that Senator Wickersham suggested, because under that suggestion there is no limitation, in effect. The only limitation is that you make the individual check no larger than \$50, then you can hand out as many of them as you want in a month. That's the only limitation, and nobody ever intended that I'm sure. So the only logical interpretation is the interpretation that Accountability and Disclosure has been using, which should be the one that we easily adopt here. And the reason that I suggested to you earlier, you may recall, that there be this device called a statement of value that you could request from the giver, was so that you would know exactly where you were in terms of that \$50 limitation. They kind of go together. But...so there is a way of knowing. And clearly, it seems to me, that a suggestion that it's the multiple gifts under \$50, that's...this bill is going to have to die, if that's the interpretation that comes out of this, because I don't think anybody is going to be able to go to the public and say, yeah, we just changed the law from one \$50 gift a month to multiple \$50 gifts a month. And that's in effect what we would be doing in light of the Accountability and Disclosure interpretation and enforcement of the law currently. So I don't think we want to get to that position. So I'm interested in whatever other suggestions there are, but most of all we need to clarify it one way or the other, I think. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Coordsen, on the Beutler amendment, AM3226.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Again, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. As I understand your amendment, Senator Beutler, it applied to the lobbyist reporting side. Isn't that...wouldn't that be accurate? Because we off...we do have a two...a