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two-phased bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If I'm understanding,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: As I read your amendment,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...not the...it's not the report of the financial interest, Senator, if that's what you mean.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes, it's this is...

SENATOR BEUTLER: It has to do with the two statutes that relate to lobbyists,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...that the lobbyists have to comply with.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...lobbyist gifts, yeah.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yeah. And from that perspective, I don't really have any problem with the Beutler amendment. I think there are some logical arguments. If it applies to the reporting process of an elected official, then it creates a recordkeeping situation that could, in fact, be a nightmare for those that have to comply. I believe it is accurate to say that...that occasional food and drink and occasional transportation is not considered a gift under this particular section of statute. So I don't really...I'll listen to what other people say, but I don't find much of a problem aggregating the gift for reporting by registered members of the lobby for any individual member of the Legislature. Whether that creates a problem because of the criminality of going over \$50, or whether that creates a situation where there are traps laid out there for a member of the lobby that might accidentally provide more than \$50 in some sort of tangible good that was not food or drink, or an admission, or occasional transportation I think ought to be discussed a little further before the adoption of the Beutler amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

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