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expended to wine, dine, feed and entertain the legislators. That is what I don't want and these aggregate amounts make that possible. So, I am going to, when Senator Bromm pulls his amendment, if that's what he is going to do, I will also pull mine because it would be attached to his. But I hope you all will be thinking about this, and then the next time the bill comes up we might have some more firmed up positions on these various items. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The conversation on LB 1021 is going in the direction that I sort of, I guess, had hoped in my naivete that it wouldn't go, and that is Senator Chambers might talk about how many angels can dance on the point of a pin, not on the head of a pin. And in creating situations where minutia becomes the goal, we create situations where someone who is bent upon doing what we might consider not to be an allowable behavior pattern, either illegal or simply unethical, escapes notice because all of the people who must comply, and remember, folks, we in the Legislature also must keep track of much of what we're talking about as well as the folks that provide the personnel to man our Accountability and Disclosure Commission. When Senator Bromm was introducing this amendment, I got to thinking about a situation that exists and it's real, but it's what happens when you create almost impossible reporting standards. Senator Wickersham is, what, 450 or more miles from the Capitol. I'm about 85 miles from the Capitol. Senator Beutler is within walking distance of the Capitol. When we start reporting stuff, "stuff" is a wonderful word, by the way, and we have a registered lobbyist, whatever the cause, that during the interim wishes to visit with Senator Beutler, Senator Wickersham and myself, and they don't buy lunch or anything, they just have to provide the transportation to get there, when you aggregate expenses and look at the amount of money that's been spent lobbying a member of the Legislature, Senator Wickersham would have a much greater amount of money expended on him than what Senator Beutler would, and I would be somewhere in the middle. And I think that's one of the things that we need to be very cautious about that we don't create a situation that, where all