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to...Mr. Clerk, you want to read that into the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, AM3321 by Senators Schimek and Wickersham. (Legislative Journal page 1647.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, and thank you for your patience. This actually isn't a Schimek amendment. It is an amendment by a number of people who got together and discussed some of the issues that had been discussed on the floor the other day. So it's a Schimek-Wickersham-Bohlke-Chambers-Beutler-Bromm amendment, but my name just happens to be the first one up there. You should have received another handout today, and this handout would indicate to you what this amendment does. And you will notice that the dark section is the E & R amendment to this bill, that reflects what we actually did on General File. What we are asking you to look at today is the white space next to it that shows what the law would become under AM3321. And you'll notice, on the first page there are no changes at all, everything remains the same. It isn't until you get over to the second page that you see changes. And actually there are three changes in the language that I want to point out to you. One is that, instead of talking about state-owned facility or state-regulated industry or event, the language in all parts of the bill now says "state-owned facility or state-sponsored industry or event". This would be like horse racing or it would be like the State Fair, some of those kinds of events. And so there are several places on your sheet that that's reflected. If you go to page 3 and go down to the bottom of that page, there you will see the next change. And the language now says: No lobbyist or principal may give, nor may any official member of an official's staff or immediate family accept a gift, and this is where the change comes, within one calendar month any gifts with an aggregate value of more than \$50. Now, if you recall the discussion on the floor, it was revealed, I guess to some of us who didn't necessarily know that was the interpretation that that...this language actually reflects how the Accountability and Disclosure Commission has been...has been actually interpreting the law as it was when we said any gift with a value of more than \$50. So this is aggregate value.