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adopted, or whether it's a common law spouse or whatever. It's another category that's added to the list of categories here.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR TYSON: (Inaudible.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time is up. Thank you, Senator Tyson. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the Schimek-Wickersham amendment, AM3353, by Senator Beutler. (Legislative Journal page 1661.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, recognized to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I certainly am in favor of AM3321, as proposed, with or without my amendment, but here's what my amendment does. There's a particular section of the bill that says, "No principal, lobbyist, or person acting on behalf of either shall within one calendar month give any gifts with an aggregate value of more than \$50". So, already in this amendment we've clarified that. Now, what my amendment would add to that is to simply say that in the period of a year the aggregate of the gifts shall not be more than \$300. Let me tell you what my rationale is. Somebody was asking me about this the other day and pointing out that from one lobbyist, and there are a couple...how many lobbyists are there, a hundred and some, a lot of them...you could get \$50 a month, up to \$50 a month for a year, that's \$600. They multiplied it by all the lobbyists that exist and saw some big, imaginary number out there of gifts we could legally take. And this person, of course, had no understanding of the fact that the gifts that we actually accept are puny, are really symbolic things, mostly. But then I got to thinking, well, why are we taking this bad rap for nothing? At least nobody I know is getting \$600 a year from one lobbyist, not nearly that, not even close to that. So, why not cut down...why have all this bad PR? Why not cut down on these big figures so people can't go out there quoting these big figures that never actually exist? So I thought that an aggregate limitation of \$300 for one year would probably be acceptable to folks in this body. Now, two things I