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now. So, even the lobbyists wouldn't have to account for food or drink for purposes of this particular section of statutes. So it seems to me that with this amendment we would do ourselves no harm and in the public eye could do ourselves some good by further limiting the statute. I would ask for your approval. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to AM3321 to LB 1021. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Voting on the Beutler amendment. Voting on the Beutler amendment. Have you all voted? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No suggestions, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM3352. (Legislative Journal page 1662.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, this one is a little more difficult, but I want to ask you to think about it seriously and I'm sincerely interested in what you think, because I think it does make sense the way it's structured here. But what it says is that no official or spouse or member of an official staff, executive or legislative branch, shall within one calendar year accept gifts with an aggregate value of more than \$1,000 from any entity or individual other than a relative. Okay, let me...let me go back and be sure that we're all straight to begin with on what category we're talking about. And this is a difficult category. First, over here on one side you have our laws that apply to persons who are lobbyists and principals. And we have our \$50 rule over there. So, those gifts are limited. So, if you're talking about lobbyist or principal, those are limited by one rule that we already have.