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Senators Matzke, Engel, Landis and Wickersham.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think I'll pass at the moment and get the other comments, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I see a problem that's implicit in this language dealing with estate planning and estates. If you draw a will, the language is: I give, devise and bequeath. In other words, it is a testamentary gift. Under this statute or under this amendment, if someone were to leave my wife a bequest in excess of \$1,000, that would not be coming from a relative, because the relative is deceased. The money would be coming from an entity which is the estate. So I would like to ask Senator Beutler if he sees a problem here with the language referring to gifts from an entity which might be an estate, even if it is the estate of a relative, to either an official or to an official's spouse, which might be my spouse. She might be inheriting something from her mother, but her mother is deceased. So it wouldn't be a gift from a relative; the relative is deceased. It would come from the entity which is her estate. Do you see a problem there with the language, Senator Beutler?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Matzke, I don't, because I think we treat those kinds of transfers as coming from individuals anyway in other parts of the law. And I'd have to look to find it. But in any event, certainly what is in fact happening, although an estate is created as a technical matter in order to handle the transfer, the gift is from an individual. And so the question to me is whether the individual is a relative or not a relative, or whether they're a lobbyist or a principal, or not in those categories; the same questions you would answer if it were other than an estate situation. That's the way I would...would view it.

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, I appreciate your explanation, but the language says gifts with an aggregate value of more than \$1,000 from an entity or individual other than a relative. Well,