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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. AM3347 is designed to clarify and enhance provisions of LB 1021 regarding gifts of tickets. It makes changes to Section 3 and to Section 4 of the bill. Section 3 of the bill, you recall, relates to the limitation on gifts from lobbyists and principals to \$50 in each month. Subsection (4) of such section provides an exception for admission to facilities or events given by the sponsoring agency. This amendment, AM3347, inserts the language "for the recipient and one guest" into the exception in subsection (4). In effect, the amendment would limit the effect of the exception to the first two tickets provided by the sponsor of the event. Tickets provided beyond the first two would constitute gifts that would be subject to the \$50 limitation. Two season tickets could be provided in the same manner, but the third and subsequent season tickets would be subject to the limitation. The amendment also adds subsection (5) to Section 3 that would clarify when gifts of tickets received for purposes of...are received for purposes of the \$50 limitation, a single event ticket would be considered as given in the month in which the ticket is to be used; a season ticket would be considered as given in the month in which it is given. That would allow for clarity of enforcement of the limitation on gifts of multiple tickets. Section 4 of the bill creates a new section that requires the reporting of gifts of tickets by sponsoring agencies. The current language applies to officials in the executive branch and officials in the legislative branch, as well as staff and immediate families of either. As Senator Schimek and I discussed on General File, it is not clear exactly what officials are encompassed in the term "officials in the executive branch", especially when that applies to governing bodies of postsecondary educational institutions. The amendment employs the broader term "public official" instead of "officials in the executive branch" and "officials in the legislative branch". In order to enhance the enforceability of the section and reduce the burden of that reporting, a new subsection (2) is added that exempts local and school district officials from the scope of the section.