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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. You may continue, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And the third one that I wanted to ask you about, on page 49, line 25, and this is...it says that the director may review a policy form filing at any time after it has been made. And at this point, I guess I need to understand the intent of this bill clearly. Is the intent that the director will never review these forms?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: No, no, that's not the intent at all. It means the director, I guess what we wanted to do is we wanted to give the director of the Department of Insurance a little bit of flexibility depending on, you know, we've got staffing issues. We've got time issues. We wanted to give the director the flexibility to review those forms at the proper time, at the proper time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So actually you shouldn't have any objection to my amendment because it changes "may" to "shall." It says the director shall review the policy filing, and it says within a reasonable time, so that's not strung out to the hereafter.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: I understand, and I haven't had a chance to get the Department of Insurance's actual take on that change, but I certainly understand what you're talking about there.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. But, Senator, I think what I'll do, the other three changes are a little more complicated and I can understand how you certainly need more time. I think what I'll do is refile this with those three changes. And if the body wants them, fine; and if they don't, fine. But at least those are clear and understandable and I think helpful.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Okay, very good, and I appreciate the conversation, too.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Quandahl, did you wish to speak? Senator Quandahl does not wish to speak. Any further discussion on the Beutler amendment?