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Brown amendment to the committee amendments. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Brown's amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      It was adopted.      Mr. Clerk, another amendment.

CLERK:      Senator Wehrbein would move to amend the committee amendments. (FA1194, Legislative Journal page 829.)

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open on FA1194.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I put this in a little hastily and I am going to withdraw this and ask that it be refiled on Select File, primarily to work on improved language. This, what it does, is on page 28, if you've got it, that the auditor, State Auditor, after they have done, if you read there, in addition, and then we have Senator Brown's amendment in there now, too. But then after conducting a financial audit, now it's changed wording because of Senator Brown's language, but the auditor discovers any potential problems related to the effectiveness, efficiency, or performance of state programs, he or she shall first report them to the Legislative Performance Audit Committee. My intent is here, I have "first" report that and I think that that language probably should be improved, and I'm willing to wait to work on better language by Select File. But I wanted to notify the intent of my amendment to the body is I don't want a press conference called by the State Auditor first before it's performed...it's reported to a Legislative Performance Audit Committee, which in the past past, not recent past, but in the past past, we've had those things done on other issues and I think that those at least should be reported to the Performance Audit Review Committee first before it is...we would have a publicly calls conference or whatever, whatever. But I think there does need probably improvement on this wording. I did this rather hastily. In using first that may have connotations beyond just having first, but that will be the intent of my