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amendment. And I think it adds a very valuable level of confidence to this whole scenario, because at least if people don't agree with the giving of the credits, at least if performance audits can reassure people that the Department of Revenue is correctly applying the law and not giving things away, quote-unquote, that that's going to be of some help to everybody in reassuring the public that at least the law is being applied correctly and fairly in accordance with the statutes. The Performance Audit Committee, in coming out with its reports, wouldn't have any company names or any dollar amounts that could be tracked back, but would rather identify, simply, situations. For example, they might do a sampling of particular applications, look at eight applications. What was on the application? Did they apply the law correctly? Are we doing...is this Department of Revenue performing the way it should be performing? Same thing we do with all of the departments. And the report might say, in nine out of ten cases they did it right; in the tenth case this is what they did wrong; or they did it all right; or they made mistakes on every one of them that cost the state "x" number of dollars. I mean, who knows where it would come out? It would come out where the truth is. But it seems to me wrong to say that we're going to make information so secretive from the Legislature itself that the Legislature itself cannot determine whether the department is correctly applying the law. So I hope you see this as a balanced sort of suggestion that has the benefit of upholding the integrity of government without creating any significant adverse effect on those who might be applying and using the credit system, or the incentive system. That's the purpose and the point of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler Senator Raikes on the Beutler amendment Is Senator Raikes in the Chamber? Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that I am trying to figure out right now. As a member of the Program Evaluation Committee, I feel very strongly that we need to be able to have the information necessary to be able to evaluate whether our agencies are doing a good job. I have reason to have confidence in the way that this program is