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amendments. We vote on the committee amendments. We vote the committee amendments down. Then we have the green copy. Any questions or any discussion that anyone wants we can certainly do on the green copy. We then advance the green copy. After that, I have committed to work with anyone that's interested in the bill and any aspects of the green copy, as well as the amendments I've already identified that the administration would like to see. And what we do with the green copy between...if you choose to advance it to Select...between General and Select File, we come in with the amendment that we agreed to on Select File, and we proceed from there. Going through this process will save the body a lot of time this morning, and hopefully some heartburn on some of the departments and on other people. And for any confusion or any problems that I may have inadvertently caused, I do apologize to anyone. My goal and my intent all along has been to get information, so we know what's there, so we can collaborate and cooperate to be able to have more information and make good decisions, particularly decisions before contracts are let, so that we have an assessment process prior to that. Having said that, Mr. Clerk, I would withdraw AM1077 and the following amendment, AM1078, I believe it is.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Currently we are on AM1078.      You want to withdraw that?

SENATOR PREISTER:      I'm sorry.      AM1078 and AM1077.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      AM1078 is withdrawn.      And you also want to withdraw AM1077?      It is withdrawn.      We are back now discussion of the committee amendments themselves.      Open for discussion.      Senator Smith, followed by Senator Baker, Senators Wehrbein and Beutler.      Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:      Thank you, Mr. President and members.      This issue has received a lot of work.      And I commend Senator Preister over the last several years for looking at this, because the problem has been taking place for many years.      In fact, I recall when I was working in...at an educational service unit, and we met, I believe it was about 1995, when a group of state folks were introduced, and they gave their name, and then one person said, well, I'm actually a contract employee because