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CLERK: Right.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend, AM1384. (Legislative Journal page 1304.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler to open on AM1384. Is Senator Beutler in the Chamber? Yes, he is. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on AM1384.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, LB 439, as you may recall, deals with security in the Capitol building. And oversimplifying somewhat, basically it would incorporate into statute the proposition that security in the Capitol building will be handled by the State Patrol, and that the security system that exists in the State Capitol today would come under the State Patrol, and they would henceforth be responsible for it, for all practical purposes. After that bill came off of General File, Senator Engel, as Chair of the Executive Board, and I'm sorry he's not here today, I wish he were here today, called together three different interests that all had bills relating to the Capitol building and that had some effect on security in the Capitol building. Senator Hudkins, obviously, and he asked Senator Chambers to come in, because Senator Chambers had a bill, which was LB 470, which basically had to do with the allocation of space in the Capitol building. And he asked myself to come in, because I had a bill that had to do with the administration of the Capitol building, and in particular the Legislature's role in the administration of the Capitol building. And Senator Engel asked us to work together on an amendment, if it was agreeable to Senator Hudkins, and it was agreeable to Senator Hudkins, that would, one, preserve and integrate her bill, so that under the amendment, security in the Capitol building would be retained in the State Patrol, as envisioned by her bill; that would further integrate Senator Chambers' bill, which has to do with the allocation of space in the Capitol building; and would further integrate my bill that I worked on with a number of other people, and had several