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SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Brashear, just a quick question, if I could. Your amendment you characterize as technical and I can see in one sense where it would be. But as I compare the language of the amendment to Section 11 of the bill, subsection 1, what was in the original committee amendment says that the sales and use tax shall not be imposed on construction, repair, or annexation labor performed in connection with the original construction of a new building or the addition or rehabilitation of an existing building, which is expected to increase the market value of the existing building by at least 100 percent. So the criteria that seemed to be applied to all kinds of rehabilitation construction and repair seemed to be increasing the value to 100 percent. But then in your amendment, the 100 percent rule is applied to the rehabilitation of an existing building. But you exclude from that definition the addition of an entire room or floor or the completion of an unfinished portion of an existing structure, or the restoration, reconstruction or replacement of a structure damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, tornado, lightning, explosion or earthquake. In other words, it seems to me that there is a significant expansion of what might be a first or original construction and a diminution of what rehabilitation is. And my bottom line question is, one, is that technical? And, two, do you have any idea of what this...what effect, if any, this would have on the fiscal impact of the bill as it was calculated originally?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President, I will. If my characterization is incorrect, Senator Beutler, I apologize. It was not my intent to mischaracterize it. These definitions have grown up or these changes have grown out of the ongoing questioning process of all those who have an interest in what the bill will and won't do and reference to other jurisdictions who have fully developed regulations from their departments of