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little better feel for this. But thank you. Yield my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars and Senator Preister. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I was going to be complimentary of Senator Preister now, but you goofed up again, Don. (Laugh) Well, anyway, I think Don did a very good job of working through this and we have had many discussions about this. Many would like others...issues in here; others would like less issues in here in terms of oversight of contracts. I'd like to ask Senator Byars a question, if he would yield, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars. Did he leave the floor? Senator Byars, are you available for a question?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I was interested in if he wanted an initial exemption of the contracts. But anyway, I'm going to support this amendment. I was...had been apprehensive. Remember, we worked on this for nearly a year and I had been apprehensive about some of the things. This represents some small steps in some areas that I think is realistic in terms of getting a handle on what it's going to cost, what it's going to take to oversight the contracts that we're talking about, and we can move further in the years ahead once we understand exactly what we're doing and the details of what many of these contracts are going to be and how they're going to be...have oversight provided for them. So at this stage I support this amendment. I will be easily willing to work with Senator Preister, Senator Byars, if there's some areas that have been missed for exemptions, and I'm assuming that's the question he wanted to raise. That's the question I wanted to ask Senator Byars, if he was seeking additional exemptions under the DD contracts. And if that's the case, I would understand and I...what I've heard from Senator Preister, I would agree with. So thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Quandahl, followed by Senator Friend.