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SENATOR CUDABACK: AM1572 and AM1571 are withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM1573.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on AM1573.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Quandahl and the Banking Committee staff were kind enough to spend some time with me on this bill, which is a very difficult one to understand, if you try to make your way through it. And I think as a result of that discussion, we mutually agreed there was one item that needed to be cleaned up for sure. And anything else...several more that perhaps needed some more thought and discussion and might be dealt with on Select File. But the particular amendment in front of you now is the only matter that I wanted to bring for your consideration at this point in time. And it is basically a technical amendment. It eliminates from the definition of "person" in the bill that portion that describes political subdivisions of a government, which seems to be out of place in that definition, since the person, quote-unquote, to whom the request for confidential documents comes to, are basically described as businesses of one sort or another, whether they're self...sole proprietorships, or businesses operated under the Business Corporation Act or the Credit Union Act or the Banking Act. But it does include the category Nonprofit Corporation Act also. But political subdivisions I don't believe were ever intended to be a part of this act. And so this amendment eliminates that phrase from the definition of "person." And I think Senator Quandahl is just fine with that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on amendment to the committee amendments. Open for discussion on AM1573. Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. And Senator Beutler is absolutely correct. I do concur with this amendment. All it does is, on page 5, lines 26 and 27, it strikes "political subdivision of a government," from the rather lengthy definition of a person in there. And I do