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the tax returns or tax return information, and that, once again, the Commissioner of Tax...the Tax Commissioner could require additional confidentiality safeguards with regard to performance audits in just the same way as they now are allowed to require them with regard to financial audits. So everything that we're doing here is paralleling the right of the auditor to do financial audits and saying that the Legislature can do performance audits under the same set of safeguards to protect confidentiality and to otherwise protect documents.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And then there is one other provision in the bill that essentially does the same thing. It addresses that specific section of the statute that deals with the LB 775 subprogram in the Department of Revenue and makes clear that all of those safeguards that I mentioned to you and identified to you and have just described to you pertain whether they're auditing the LB 775 program or any other program in the Department of Revenue. I have several more things I want to point out, but I'm running out of time and I think I will do that on my next opportunity to speak. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on AM1136. Senator Landis, on that motion.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this will come as news to Senator Beutler and to the body. It's that late-breaking part of the session. Senator Bromm has been working with the lobby on this bill and I've been informed of that discussion on two fronts, one on the bad actor provision, and the bad actor provision that we put into the bill, that you all put into the bill, on General File I think has a good chance of being unconstitutional but, if not, certainly has some technical problems in its application, so we've been working on how to solve that problem. At the intervening time, Al Wenstrand, the Department of Economic Development director, has given Senator Bromm an idea on what to do about rural development and he's essentially given a revamped version of LB 270 that applies in counties of 25,000 or less, less. That's 82 counties in the state. The fights on LB 608 have been one