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SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you. Senator Smith, I should have asked you this before I withdrew the bracket motion. But you had agreed to allow the charitable exception to be placed on the bill. Is that correct?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: But you also had agreed to delay the effective date of the bill until July of 2004. Is that accurate?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes. That's in a subsequent amendment.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Is that in AM148...or, excuse me. Is that in...?

SENATOR SMITH: AM2067.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Okay. There's a drafting error in AM2067, I think. It says, the...in line 9, strike the effective date of this act and insert July 1, 2003. And I think you've missed a year there. But...

SENATOR SMITH: I'll...

SENATOR BOURNE: ...I just wanted to bring that to your attention before we got to that amendment, so...in order...because it appears that people want to expedite this evening's activities. And I thought maybe that would do that. But again, you had agreed to delay the effective date until July 1 of 2004, not 2003.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Bourne, can I respond to that?

SENATOR BOURNE: Please.

SENATOR SMITH: Because I asked Bill Drafting and staff the very same question. And if you'll notice, on the only page of AM2067, in line 3, it does offer the August 1, 2004, effective date. The subsequent July 1, 2003, relates to other material in the bill that helps solidify what the feds are doing, so that we don't have to do that yet again. And so it's not a drafting