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Kremer. Senator Chambers, on FA1523.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to discuss the amendment that is before us now because I did not do that the last time that I spoke. Had I not been occupied in a deep discussion with Senator Bourne, I would have paid more attention to what Senator Friend said, but I'm sure he will tell me if I ask him. On page 4 of the bill, this is the amendment, in line 10, strike "some" and insert the article "a." On the same line, strike "purposes" and insert the singular word "purpose." In line 13, strike "there is no reason known to" and insert, after the word "department," "knows of no reason." In lines 13 and 14, strike "would constitute" and insert "constitutes." In line 18, I believe this plural of "determinations" can be stricken, but I would stand to be corrected on that, and insert "determination." In line 23, strike "or" and insert the two words "and any." Then, in line 22, strike "also." Now I will tell what these amendments will do. I think changing the language from "some beneficial or useful purposes" to "a beneficial or useful purpose" is easily understood. A person, in order to obtain one of these appropriations or to gain any of these rights that are discussed in the bill, need only have "a beneficial or useful purpose," and it is singular throughout the bill. So I would strike "a"...I meant "some" and insert "a." In line 13 they're talking about knowledge that is in the hands of the department, or that the department does not have. They use what is known as the passive in the language which is here; namely, "there is no reason known to the department." I think we ought to use active language, and I would strike that and put "the department knows of no reason." Then, where they say "would constitute sufficient cause," we simply would say "constitutes sufficient cause." If the department has this posture where there is no reason the department knows of to not grant whatever is being asked for, then sufficient cause would be found to exist. Again, the word "determinations," I think, can be "determination" in this context, but if I find out later that maybe it should be "determinations,"...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.