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opening on the committee amendments. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I want to indicate to you that the committee amendment, I believe, does not get the entire job done of dividing out these attestation engagements. And I'm sure we can have further discussions on this. I'd be glad to. But I would like to ask you to reject the committee amendment. What the committee amendment says is that the Auditor's Office will not do performance audits. But it neglects to say anything about that middle category, attestation engagements. And remember, that middle category can have both types of audits, financial and performance. So what is needed is a dividing line right there in that third category of attestation engagements. The committee amendment does not provide that. It says that the Auditor shall not do performance audits. But there are performance audits within that category of attestation engagements that are not addressed. That's about as simple as I can make it. And I would ask you to at least at this point in time in the process reject the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further discussion? No further lights on. Senator Schimek, do you wish to close on the Government Military Affairs Committee amendment? She waived closing. The question before the body is advancement of those...AM2494 to LB 1118. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 0 ayes, 17 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendments are not adopted. Madam Clerk, next motion.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend. I have AM2424.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to...that amendment is withdrawn, Senator Beutler, correct? It is withdrawn.