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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Beutler, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm not sure I follow the conversation on this amendment. But it is an amendment that I do not object to. I think there's more than one way to skin a cat, and the difference between this amendment and the green copy of the bill I think is little or none. If it helps the Auditor in some regard, then that's fair enough, as far as I'm concerned. So I have no objection to this particular amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, yes, you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, members. And I'd like to address, if I might, Senator Redfield's question. And I need to make certain that everybody understands, the amendment here that is being presented to us is not what the committee amendment was. And if you recall...and very few of us were here, actually, that day when the bill came forward with the committee amendment on it. But I realized at the time that that came up that the committee amendment was not acceptable to Senator Beutler, and he was going to pull the bill from the agenda if we left the committee amendment on. None of the committee...none of the Government Committee members was on the floor that day. And I had just made kind of a unilateral decision that I wasn't going to get up and defend the committee amendment, I wasn't going to speak for it or against it, and let...I let Senator Beutler convince the body to take it off. That way, we preserved the bill, kept it on consent file. And Senator Beutler had explained to me that he was willing to work with Senator Smith on a compromise amendment, which they have done. And I'd like to thank them both, because there were some real divided feelings on this issue. So I think this is the compromise, and I would encourage everybody to adopt this amendment. So thank you, Senator Redfield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wehrbein.