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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, I was out in the Rotunda. I'd like to have Senator Smith explain the reason...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, would you...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...for this,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...yield?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...if he would.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm not trying to hold your bill up, but what's the reason for your amendment?

SENATOR SMITH: There was some concern that, for example, a state agency would not be able to use the audits from the State Auditor's Office for their own purposes, whether it's grant writing, what have you, or any third party. It would...it could have...without the attestation engagement--I apologize for the rather wordy term there--but without that ability, and attestation is somewhat of a hybrid between performance audit and financial audit, and it is oftentimes difficult, if not impossible, to compile a financial audit without some attestation engagement ability.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Senator Beutler, do you have any more comments? Or you are with this...I'm a little concerned...I just didn't get it soon enough, and I...okay. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. No further lights on. Senator Smith. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of AM3373 to LB 1118. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to on the Smith amendment? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Smith's amendment.