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in a sense, in the bill. I think everything else tries to maintain the status quo but, again, clarify definitions for us. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments to LB 54. Mr. Clerk, a motion on the desk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cunningham would move to amend the committee amendments with AM0161. (Legislative Journal page 403.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham, to open on AM0161 to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. This is a very simple amendment. It goes along with what Senator Schimek said, and she just mentioned that the county veterans service committees, they did not move up into needing an honorable discharge, and this amendment moves them into that category where they need the honorable discharge also. Senator Schimek also talked about in the Norfolk area, which is the area I'm from, many, many...there was a lot of sentiment that those people needed to have an honorable discharge, and I'm bringing that idea forward from some of those in that area. There also is a stipulation in here, Senator Schimek, that told you that some people currently serving on those committees do not have an honorable discharge now, and so one of the reasons they didn't want to move them into this category is it would eliminate some of them from their positions. So we've put a grandfather clause in that you do...if you're currently serving and you don't have an honorable discharge, that would not be required until the new appointed or elected person came in. And, with that, I will take any questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. You've heard the opening on the Cunningham amendment, AM0161, which is an amendment to the committee amendments to LB 54. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Preister, followed by Senators Chambers and Schimek. Senator Preister.