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Government Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0053, Legislative Journal page 339.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Landis, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. I believe there will be some committee amendments offered after I introduce this measure. There is a process overseen by the United States Post Office called the electronic postmark. Electronic postmark is a way of essentially sending mail, with the level of assurance and reliability that we have with the Post Office, through e-mail. And this came to a fellow who works for the university, John Wiltse, when he was reading about a bill that had passed in North Carolina. The situation that occurs in the university is something like this. A student is having an interview with a potential employer tomorrow, and that interviewer says, well, bring along your transcript. And this former student is in another state. Well, a transcript needs to be certified by the university, verified, if you will, that it's accurate, to have it be effective. So if you were to call up the university and say, I've got an interview tomorrow; can you send me a verified transcript to prove to this employer what my grade average was and how I've done? The university would have to print off the transcript, put it in an envelope, put a stamp on it, mail it, and it would not get there the next day anyway. The process of mailing a document, faxing it, folding it, stamping it, addressing it, and mailing it, well, anybody who's in charge of a business will tell you, that's an expensive process. That's a \$3 or \$4 process, at a minimum, to send a letter. E-mail, on the other hand, is a way in which you download the document and send it off through the e-mail at a very minimal cost. Now, what if you want to be able to verify that this is an accurate state record? Well, the U.S. Post Office has a process called the electronic postmark. And what you're doing is, you're essentially sending to the Post Office an e-mail address that you want this e-mail eventually to get to, but you use the intermediary of the United States Post Office, because it creates a record to prove that the e-mail was unaltered and that