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solicit money or funds for something. It's probably for a project, but that project never does receive the funds; they're put in the pocket. But I think there are some...there are some worthy charitable organizations, you know, that are, you know, very good and would like to receive some funds. So, if I'm correct then with the reasoning that Senator Dwite Pedersen gave, you know, this could be allowed by a city jurisdiction. So I'll listen to the discussion and hopefully I can get some more input and all. At this time, I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. I guess there is no discussion. Senator...I'm sorry, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, after discussing the bill...or this amendment with the introducer and the sponsors of the bill, I am going to support Senator Baker's amendment, but I am...I am very upset with the Department of Roads. I talked to Senator Pedersen, and I don't believe that I am divulging anything inappropriately, but he mentioned to me that this bill has been talked about and on queue for about two years now and he just heard of this concern from the Department of Roads about two weeks ago, and I am sick and tired of these agencies doing this at the eleventh hour. This amendment, even though I'm going to vote for it, is poorly drafted, as usual, because the Department of Roads is involved in it, but yet I feel like if we don't adopt this amendment there's not support for the bill. So my hands are tied and that really frustrates me. But I want to serve notice to the Department of Roads that their conduct here is inappropriate and I'm...and, as usual, Senator Combs, I have a long memory. And in serving with Senator Chambers on the Judiciary Committee I, unfortunately, I think I become more like him every day, which really frustrates me. (Laughter) I'm making light of this, but it's very serious. I am tired of these agencies coming out of the woodwork at the last minute and attempting to scuttle things that people have worked on for years. I am very offended and I want to put the Department of Roads on notice that I'm going to keep a real close eye on what they're doing this year. This...I'm going to support this amendment, I'm going to support