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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Beutler, a very good question and, as you have just indicated by reading the statutes, the exemptions for the courts and the Legislature and the Governor are there, and political subdivisions, et cetera. But...so one would assume that all the other constitutional offices are covered if they're not specifically exempted. But in speaking with the Public Counsel's Office, he indicates that unless those constitutional offices have a grievance procedure, that indeed they're not.

SENATOR BEUTLER: He indicates that unless they have a grievance procedure,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...which most of them do not have.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, I think some of them do.

SENATOR BEUTLER: None of them are required to have. That's...it's...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And some of them do not have.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct, too, I believe.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But they're not covered unless they have a grievance procedure. Why would they be covered if they have a grievance procedure?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, it gives...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I mean, isn't it a statute? In part, isn't it a...maybe there's more than one question here, but in part isn't it a constitutional question of whether the Legislature has this kind of authority over the offices of the constitutional officers?