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wondering what kind of external controls there would be put in place. Currently, I know that the Department of Revenue is going to be audited by our own State Auditor. We have external folks that come in. We also, for the Auditor's Office, have the same thing. We have outside entities that come in and verify that they're following procedures. What kind of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...external controls will be put here?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I have my light on and I will yield to you, because I'm not sure I'm entirely understanding the gist of your question, but let me indicate what I think you're getting at and I'll try to respond. Are you asking what kind of external controls are there on our Performance Audit Committee itself in how it functions?

SENATOR REDFIELD: To ensure that in fact they would be following the procedures and verifying the confidentiality of all of these records that we would be giving them access to.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, there are...there are at least two things I can think of right now that are going to be the constraints upon the committee. One is certainly the makeup of the Performance Audit Committee, which I think was originally designed to be a safe and conservative committee, because the decisions with regard to seeking confidential information...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Redfield. (Visitors introduced.) Also this morning, the croissants that are being passed around is in honor of our Speaker's birthday. So would you all give our Speaker a nice, well, whatever it is we do on a birthday. (Laughter) He didn't say his age, but I think it's around 50. On with discussion. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I wonder if Senator Beutler would yield further to some more questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield?