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agencies. Is that something that you remember?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I remember part of that for sure.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: My concern is, are we doing audits on all of the agencies, on everything that we're...that the Auditor would be doing, wanting to do audits on?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The distinction is this, Senator Pedersen, and this distinction was made before I was involved with the Performance Audit Committee, I think when...perhaps when Senator Engel was Chair, maybe even before that. Senator Wehrbein would probably remember when this came about. But there is no duplication between the Auditor's Office and what we do, and the reason that there is no duplication is because even before last year, but with the clarifications of last year, the Auditor does financial audits, and we do performance audits. We're not looking to see if some money was stolen or whether the accounts add up right, that sort of thing. We're looking to see if the statute that you passed is being conformed to in the way that you intended. We're looking to see whether that statute that you passed is being...is being followed efficiently. So performance audit goes to performance, not to financial discrepancies and financial problems and financial statements, that sort of thing. So there's no duplication. The Auditor does one thing; we do the other.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Then how do you pick...

SENATOR BEUTLER: When I say "we," I mean the Legislature.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: How does the Performance Audit Committee pick those areas or pick what they're going to do performance audits on?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The process, Senator, it starts with you. When any...whenever any senator, and you may recall at the beginning of this session I sent a letter to everybody inviting them to send to the Performance Audit Committee suggestions as to what kind of...as to a performance audit that needs to be done that they've come across in their experience in the