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hearings and they have hearing, after hearing, after hearing, after hearing, studying and studying and studying. They get paid the big bucks. Nobody is trying to term limit them. What? They're all trustworthy and we're not? I know I'm a little bit...I can tell by the way Senator Hudkins is looking, I'm a little off the reservation. I'm sorry, but this is not about releasing tax returns. This is about empowering the Legislature to be able to do appropriate, confidential, investigative work; do it properly or pay a huge price. And maybe we need to get some information on Health and Human Services and how much their administrative costs are. Maybe we need to know why a...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: ...Department of Corrections, you know, is giving away surplus property in a scandalous fashion. Maybe there are other things we need to know and I also join Senator Beutler in the comment, remember, you do it when you can, or you do it when we must. I'd hate to be sitting on this floor with a scandal upon us and then trying to get the authority to go get the basic raw data in a random, abstract, controlled, and confidential nature. And, by the way, we're on General File, so if somebody can find a real hole in this bill let us know before Select or Final and I think we'll all try and correct it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. On with discussion, Senator Erdman. But before we do that, Senator Erdman, Senator Smith would like to announce a guest this morning. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Erdman, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, as a new member of the Performance Audit Committee, I've learned a great deal here in the first 40 days of session. But the reason I'm rising is to point out the correction in the committee statement. The prior committee statement showed a unanimous vote coming out of the Exec Board of 7 to 0. The revised committee statement shows the vote to be 6 in favor of advancement and 1 present and not voting, that was myself, and so we have corrected that. And it's not necessarily opposition