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a request to review anything in the Department of Revenue. As you know, that's how our process begins. But should any of you have an interest in it, I think we should be allowed to look at it. And if it rises to the top of the list under our ordinary processes, we should be allowed to do it. So what I don't like most of all about that part of the amendment is that it infers that somehow the work that's being done by the current Performance Audit staff is somehow inferior...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in quality. And it is not. And I have no doubt in my mind but that when we jump through the hoops, they will be just fine, and will be approved, and there's not going to be any problem. But meanwhile, it's a bit insulting to the committee to suggest they don't have the capability to review the Department of Revenue or any other department. I mean, there are lots of other confidentiality statutes scattered all over our statutes. There's no reason in particular that I can think of to pick the Department of Revenue, for one thing. But on a broader and deeper sense, there is no good reason, in my mind, to suggest that what is being done now is inferior, and that they're incapable of dealing with the Department of Revenue in a professional manner. They most certainly can, this year, next year, and in future years. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further discussion on the Smith amendment, AM0942, Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Smith and others.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, members. If I could, I'd like to ask Senator Beutler just a question or two, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, you may. Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Senator Beutler, I just want to make certain that I understand this. You talked about a