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you...Senator Landis, the house is under call, and Senator Cunningham. The house is under call, Senator Cunningham, Senator Landis, and Senator Kruse. Senator Kruse, Senator Landis, and Senator Cunningham, the house is under call. Senator Landis, would you please report to the Chamber. The house is under call. All members present or accounted for. The question is AM0942. There's been a request for a roll call vote, regular order. Mr. Clerk, call the roll, please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1084.) 14 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Smith amendment is not agreed to, and I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, next amendment, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM1041. (Legislative Journal pages 1084-1085.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on AM1041.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this amendment is really Senator Smith's idea. I think it's a good one. It pushes us to move a little faster with getting into the mode of generally accepted government auditing standards and bringing those about, bringing about the actual certification. I appreciate the fact that he's so interested in this topic. And he's had several constructive ideas, and this is one of them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on AM1041. Open for discussion. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I'm trying to think of the discussion that Senator Beutler and I had. And last I knew, it was, you know, I think I like that amendment. (Laugh) But he had to rewrite it and leave out an operative part to it. So that...I'm just shooting straight with you. And I'm taken aback by the fact that this is characterized as a well thought out compromise. It is not. Flat out, it is not. I think what I proposed in the last amendment was very reasonable. It's consistent with the practice of auditing standards. And I lost that last amendment.