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Is Senator Friend on the floor? Yes, he is. Sorry. Senator Friend waives his right. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Landis, I was confused by an earlier discussion you had with Senator Chambers, and I'm fearful I missed Senator Chambers' point altogether. But do you have to have a classification in order to get the tax exemption in this case? Do you have to have a security clearance? Do you have to be authorized to perform classified work in order to get this exemption? Does the employee have to be so authorized? No. Okay. Okay, so any military retiree who goes to work for the Department of Defense...any military employee who goes to work for the Department of Defense is capable of receiving this exemption? Is that right? It has to be for the Department of Defense?

SENATOR LANDIS: (Microphone malfunction)...contractor, a defense contractor, but...

SENATOR BEUTLER: For any contractor.

SENATOR LANDIS: Contractors that meet the definition that you'll find in the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sorry?

SENATOR LANDIS: A defense contractor as referenced in the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: A defense contractor.

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right, but not for the Department of Defense. They're defense contractors, so they're private companies who work with the Department of Defense.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: By the way, the large majority of the work is in the area of software and computers and information technology.