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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: ...on this file or on Select File, we can get all the preparation done and discuss the whole of the matter. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Before we go on, the cookies are being handed out are in celebration of Senator (inaudible) first grandson, born yesterday, William Hall. Congratulations, Senator. On with discussion of the AM1332. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to give a little more comment on the notary public provision. People find out about me, and they seek my help. I got a request from a couple in Canada. They had been to Nebraska to visit a relative, and a notary had put together a subpoena. What the law allows, if a person does not show up, is for the notary to summon the sheriff and have that person put in jail. That kind of power resides nowhere, and it should not reside with a notary public. So what the change in the law will do is strike that power out of the notary public section, and if a person is to be dealt with in any manner, for failure to appear before a notary, the notary would have to go to a court, convince the court, then the court would determine the remedy. But there would be no such thing as a notary summoning a sheriff, and straight to jail you go. There's another thing which indicates that that notary law needs some work. Court reporters do not have a statute authorizing their existence or empowering them to do the things they do. They operate under the notary statute. They are allowed to take depositions, issues summonses, and do all of the things they do. Rather than have them operate under the notary section, if I have time that I can steal from my work this summer in trying to do some legal work on the issue of term limits, I'm going to fashion a change in the law that will create provisions dealing specifically with court reporters. That, I hope, explains the main reason for my wanting to change that notary law. Now, when the day comes that you all become internationally known as I am, it might diminish my workload. When you become as well known in the state for being willing to help people outside of your district, you will