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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...never been spent, and the rest is fines that constitute the remainder of what we've spent.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler and Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, please, amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments with AM2270. (Legislative Journal page 643.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I have passed out to you, and I hope you are able to follow along with this concept sheet that I have passed out to you, because I want to try to use that to help relate you to the main and important provisions of this amendment. And remember, this is the amendment to the committee amendment, so this is the big piece on the side of making it right. And then we move at some point to Senator Brashear's amendment to decide whether to repeal it entirely. I might say by way of introduction that the amendment, although it has many parts, most of them are technical, most of them you would, I think, fairly define as adjusting or refining penalty sections. Nothing dramatic in either way...in any way, except those things that I will describe to you, which also are not dramatic, but which are important. So let me start with the things that I think will be of most interest to you. First of all, there are a couple of provisions that really go to making the limitation in the act work correctly. There's a balance there. You don't want the limitation too tight, nor do you want it too loose. If it's too tight, people won't abide by the limitation; if it's too loose, you discourage people from running because too much money can be raised. So the first thing it does is to increase the limitations. And on number one of your concept sheet, you can