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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I didn't so. I'd like to ask Senator Brashear a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, would you respond to a question?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, I can't let one of your bills go without some kind of commentary or a little discussion. You said that all of the interested parties had been contacted or had the opportunity to...exactly what did you say about the interested parties?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Well, I'm going to be much more careful in how I say it. What I said was that we had worked with the interested parties since I put the bill on hold last session, off of consent calendar, and it's my understanding that we have satisfied their concerns, other than the general policy issue, which I attempted to identify at the beginning, that some people just would not have these entities report at all. And I respectfully disagree with that. I think it's bad public policy, for a reason I hope you would support, which is that if we're...these are creatures of the state, they are creatures of the statute, we allow them to exist, so I think we ought to maintain minimal compliance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, I have an interest in practically everything that goes on in this Legislature, this bill and its subject matter being no exception. What did you mean by the term "interested persons"?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: I used that as a term of art, meaning people who had participated in the exercises, the process and the procedure, to this point in time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I'm going to support the amendment. I think I understand it about as well as Senator Dwite Pedersen. And if it's all right with Senator Dwite Pedersen, it's all right with me. Thank you, Mr. President.