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their duties or misperform their duties. So with that, I would encourage the adoption of this Chambers amendment. I'm not absolutely sure it's necessary. I think it's implied already in the language, but it's not going to hurt anything. So I would say, let's adopt the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues, I, too, would support the amendment offered by Senator Chambers, FA552. Certainly, during the drafting process, we did not intend to eliminate or ignore those appointed officials, because should they create...or, should they violate the trust of office, they should be...there should be a process of removal. And Senator Beutler brought up some...I think, some pretty good points, and I'd like to pursue those further, primarily the misdemeanor charge. What I don't know and haven't looked up yet, but we will, is, certainly elected officials can be removed by the board that they...upon which they serve. And as an example, if a city council member were to commit a misdemeanor, I assume--and that's the wrong thing to do, and we'll find out--that the other members of the board could have that individual removed. But I think there should also be a vehicle so that the public can enact that same provision and have someone removed for that kind of violation. Election violations, I think, are real evident, and we need to take a look at that as well. And Senator Loudon, I just wanted to point out that...and restate that the court, the district court would be involved to make a determination not on guilt or innocence, but would determine whether the 60-word statement--which is there today, you have a maximum of 60 words in your accusation to make your point why someone should be recalled--the court merely identifies if that statement meets the standard of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance. I don't anticipate the courts would have a lot of activity and would be overburdened by recall introduction, but they aren't involved in the process of guilt or innocence, and I think that's an important point. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Further discussion