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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, I'm going to read this amendment as drafted, for the record. Then I'll explain why I'm doing it. On page 1 in line 17, after the word "commission," insert the words "by a public official." Then in line 19, strike the word "a," or the article "a," and insert the word "such." In line 20, strike the first appearance of the word "the" and insert the word "such" in its place. And this is how the language would read: Malfeasance in office means the knowing and intentional commission by a public official of an unlawful or wrongful act in the performance of the duties of such public official, which is outside the scope of the authority of such public official, and which infringes on the rights of any person or entity. Remember, we're not just engaging in a freewheeling discussion when we write laws and put words into the statute. So inasmuch as we are defining a basis for recalling somebody from office, it may seem to be clear that you're talking throughout about an elected official, and that the elected official is deemed to be in office, and all of these other things. Rather than leave any gaps, I believe that a definition should contain everything needed to complete the idea that is being projected. So after the word "commission" in line 17, I would insert the words "by a public official." Then in two places I would use the word "such" to refer back to that designated public official. If you read the definition as it exists now, it doesn't actually say that a public official is doing this. My language is simply clarifying, and I ask that you adopt it. But I'll answer any questions that you may have. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator. You've heard the opening on FA554. Open for discussion. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I have no problem with this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion? Senator Chambers, there are no lights on. Senator Chambers waives closing. The question before the body is, shall FA554 be adopted to the committee amendments to LB 786? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the Chambers amendment, FA554. Have you all voted on the question