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necessary to have one from Transportation and Communications?

SENATOR BAKER: It would be helpful, yes. I don't know that it's been lacking in the past, but then, being a term-limited senator I think maybe for continuity it might be helpful to have somebody on there, yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, my concern is, and it's kind of a typical stress between committees and appropriations, is the fact that money is implied to be spent or whatever and then they show up. Did you have any knowledge of the Department of Agriculture's expenditure for homeland security?

SENATOR BAKER: No, I do not. I have not had any communication with Department of Ag on that particular subject.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion? Senator Kremer. Senator Kremer waives his time. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'm going to rise in support of what Senator Smith is asking us to do. And actually I will be voting red on FA648. And the reason is, is that I think before we would...and there's two ways we can do this. As has always been discussed, we can either advance the bill with this and work this out on Select, or we can take it out and work it out before we get to Select and come back with something that the people can agree on. And I would prefer that method at this time. Again, I think that there are some things we have to consider. In visiting with Senator Schimek, I think she is open to clarifying the language, and I think that's appropriate. Again, I do come back to the comments that we need to consider--and I'm not casting judgment or opinion on those who are currently serving or their actions or anything--but we as a body need to consider where we put protections in law for release of information. And why is the release of information, either intentional or unintentional from individuals relating to someone's income tax, more protective