

reduces the standard that our records will be reviewed. If that is what the public wants, maybe that's what we should give them,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...a less high of a standard. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to respond to one of Senator Chambers remarks regarding the calls. I've had two calls since I have been up here that I consider to be confidential, but it's my understanding with the legislation that we have before us, those calls will be confidential, so I have no fear about taking and discussing those kinds of things over the telephone. The second thing I wanted to clarify was that when Senator Chambers asked me about the county audit, after thinking it over and remembering the records, the telephone records are available when the State Auditor, or whoever does your audit, does the audit. Those records are available and they can be audited by other than the county clerk. So I just wanted to make that correction clear. The other thing that I was sitting here thinking about, you know, I don't really have anything to cover and I don't think anybody else does in this body. It goes back to the same issue that we discussed earlier, and that's who is going to do the audits and what the perception of that person is. I think that is probably the most unfortunate part of it. As I sat here and thought, I thought, well, we have a voting board down there in front of our room that we use to disclose to the public the votes that we make, and I guess there are times that I wish we could put a blanket over that so people wouldn't see how I vote but, unfortunately, that's the way it works, and we are satisfied with that, and I think here, again, we are talking about do people have the right to know. And it appears that we must think they do because we make those votes a matter of record for all the public to see. The last thing I would like to say is that no matter how you look at it, a friend of mine once told me that locks on doors only keep honest people honest, and I guess that's what we are trying to do in whatever manner, whether we use a private auditor or we use the Public Auditor to do this work. It is only for the purpose of making sure that everybody that is honest stays honest. And with that, I thank you.