

Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Than you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment is okay with me also as introducer.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any further discussion on the Preister amendment? Seeing none, Senator Preister, do you wish to close?

SENATOR PREISTER: Yes. I would like to thank the body for their indulgence, as I was caught off guard. I would also like to thank the committee members who indulged me as I had concerns on this particular bill. I think when we're talking the kinds of sums of money, a billion and a half dollars nearly, which is the same as the state's budget this year, we're looking at a lot of money. And I think that the accountability of that money is very, very important, and for that reason I have persisted and appreciate the support that anyone chooses to give on this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the closing on the amendment by Senator Preister. We'll now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Preister's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The Preister amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM2130. (See page 2178 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is a...an amendment that simply puts the statutes in accordance with the general practice that's going on right now. In the bill we provide that public power districts shall...their audits shall be in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. And that is the same standards that the auditor presently applies to all political subdivisions which are required to file audits with their office. And so what we're doing, just to clarify the law and to show that the public