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SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Brashear, I'll give you some time to reopen on your amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the body. The bill, the amendment are all essentially concerned with the same subject matter and we did have good debate and discussion on the floor at its first appearance this session. We are basically dealing here with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission and the statutes there under, which it enforces. And the object is to avoid or to prohibit a public official or public employee from using or authorizing the "use of personnel, property, resources, or funds under his or her official care or control for the purpose of supporting or opposing the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question or for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of a candidate." What the amendment, 1514, does is to add greater specificity with regard to what shall constitute the use of those resources, including dealing with the issue of responding to inquiries appropriately made. The attempt by the amendment, and I think we'll have further discussion, is to define that which is appropriate and that which is not under the restriction as it's offered in the bill. With that, I would conclude my opening remarks. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Brashear. There are no lights. There is a light. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, sometimes issues come up kind of quickly on Monday morning and we don't... Let me speak for myself. I don't have all of my papers and notes gathered together, so I'm going to have to ask Senator Brashear a question or two.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Brashear, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Madam Chair.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, Senator Suttle has been nice enough to print out these amendments for me when I don't have it. Yes, and she's going to do it for me again this morning. But I'd like to ask you a question, because, as you