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comment on Senator Chambers' discussion at the hearing on this bill, because I was quite taken with how much he acknowledged the importance of the ceremonial role that our elected officials and their families have and how that creates an impression for our state and is very much a part of what our elected officials do. And that acknowledgement I think went a long way in bringing the Governor into the hearing and into...into support of this bill, and it really turned out to be, I think, a very productive kind of a hearing and a productive kind of a discussion about how we best both manage the financial arrangements in a way that it serves in the best interest of the public but also manage the allowing and making...making it easy for elected officials and their families to do those aspects of their job that might not be strictly work related but certainly are...strictly work but are certainly work related. And so I will support not only the amendment, the committee amendment, but also the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Microphone malfunction)...waive for the moment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler waives off for the moment. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I, too, rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment. I think it clears up what some of us have been concerned about and he made it clear that this is an obligation that the Governor is obligated to carry out and he certainly should be able to take his wife or family members with him if he so desires. And this pretty much cleans...clears up the whole issue and I think it's a good amendment. I will support it. I also want to say that yesterday I called Senator Chambers the mighty one and he proved that by being able to bring the Governor down to the hearing that day. With that, I will turn the rest of my time back to the Chair, but I do support the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Beutler.