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the definition section. Perhaps we ought to make this bill, LB 478, a clean-up bill in homestead exemption disabilities that takes care of a number of problems. We have done some of that and I think the Beutler amendment addresses some more and I have got some more wording that may address even further the problems we have in this area. Maybe we should take care of those problems this session. Perhaps this is the time to do that and I want to encourage your consideration and support for the Beutler amendment at this point.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Senator Beutler, what are you doing with your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wagner, basically the amendment does this. It says it doesn't matter what the cause of your total disability is, if you are totally disabled, you are totally disabled and you have as much right to the exemption as anybody else that is totally disabled.

SENATOR WAGNER: But what are you striking out of the bill?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Striking out of the bill?

SENATOR WAGNER: Are you changing some wording, striking veterans, is this what I understood?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, well, you could...the way it is drafted, you would be striking the word "veterans" and putting in the word "persons" and dropping out the specific subsections.

SENATOR WAGNER: Okay, that was my kind of what I wanted to get at because again I think we are making a change here on the floor at the last minute, and during that public hearing, this was really not the crux of Senator Pirsch's bill. And I think we are making a change here that very definitely kind of makes me wonder, and if your amendment is adopted, I certainly cannot support that bill. So I would oppose that amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker and members, Chris, would you answer a question for me? Page 2, "Veterans who are totally disabled by nonmilitary acts or illness". What do you mean by veterans there? If it is nonmilitary, they are not veterans and I would like to have you clarify that for me.