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has had his opportunity to kill the bill. He now wants to try to make it...at least change it so I won't know it as well as I know it now, and I am not particularly fond or appreciative of those efforts. I would urge this body to respect the need to move this on, to finish this debate and move it to Select File, and if there is some tightening that Senator Beutler wants, I think the authorizing legislation, if it passes, is the place to do that. This is only a constitutional proposal to be presented to the people. Senator Beutler's fears will not be a problem if it does not pass. I urge the body to reject the Beutler motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the Beutler motion, and as Senator Newell indicated, I think I am doing it for a little different reason perhaps than Senator Newell seems to be using in his opposition to it. Senator Newell indicated that Senator Beutler...and I will have to admit I am not one of this piece of legislation's greatest fans either, but remember Senator Newell says this is only a constitutional amendment. Constitutional amendments are not only constitutional amendments. Constitutional amendments are serious business. The Constitution of this state is something that should be considered...any changes on that should be considered as very major. The language that Senator Beutler is attempting to amend is the language that will be on the ballot for the people of this state to make their decision on, and Senator Beutler is simply attempting to clarify how that development is going to take place. It is going to be taking place by the public and by the private entities, and to clarify that to the voters or the people of this state when they are making a decision as to whether or not to change a document as important as the Constitution is certainly not something to be taken lightly. It seems to me that to make it as clear as possible to those voters is important, and I think that is exactly what Senator Beutler is doing, is making it clear to the people exactly what they are voting on, and I don't see how anybody could oppose doing that. I certainly support the Beutler proposal.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Beutler, you may close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature,

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