

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I hope you will sit back and think about this and do what makes sense. Senator Marsh offered no substantive argument as to why it should not be done, simply offered that it should have a public hearing. But we are being forced today to deal with the bill that deals with it. That is why my amendment is to that bill. Senator Sieck said there is a need, yet at the same time he is telling you there is a need he tells you that the next minute we're going to eliminate the amendment in the Warner amendments which distinguishes between those who need it and those who do not need it. Senator Nichol indicates that maybe we're showing that we don't care about these victims. I care about them. Everybody in here cares about them. It is political rhetoric to suggest that we don't care about them. I think my votes on this floor has been as sensitive as anybody else's but the point is, how do you treat people fairly? Why do you give compensation to someone who is a victim of crime and not someone who is a victim of a streak of lightning? Do they hurt less? Is there less pain? Or someone who is stricken by disease? Do they hurt less? Are they any more or less a victim of whatever? I think not. I think it is a question of equitable treatment and, secondly, it is a question of efficient help and the Crime Victims Reparations Board with administrative costs of 50% is not efficient help. They should be helped by the existing welfare system which is more efficient and in which is more equitable in treating people of different...who have been the victims of different causes, from different causes, treating them the same. I really see no justification for this board whatsoever. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is to adopt the Beutler amendment to the committee amendment. Those in support vote aye, opposed nay. It takes a majority of those voting.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting no.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion lost. Another amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would now move to amend the committee amendment that is pending by removing lines 9 through 13 found on page...lines 9 through 13 of that particular portion of the committee amendments, Mr. President.