

in a new direction. If this is perceived as a cause flag, then what's the next cause and are we in the same kind of agreement upon the next cause? Someone might suggest for example that a civil rights flag agreed upon by nationally recognized civil rights group be flown. Well, most of us can agree that civil rights is an okay matter too and we could agree upon the flying of that flag, but then you can think of dozens and dozens of other cause flags that people might want us to fly and I think we're getting into an area that there is no need for us to get into. To the extent that is symbolism, it's covered by the American flag just as those killed in action are covered by the American flag, just as those who are wounded in action and get a Purple Heart are covered by the American flag. It's the American flag that we use to symbolize all these things that we care most about and agree upon 100 percent. So I suggest to you not that what we're doing today is bad because of the cause, but it's bad because of the precedent that is set and what we're going to be asked to do and decide in the future on a matter that is merely a matter of symbolism. So I think for purposes of precedent that it's a much better decision to cut out Sections 3 and 4 and continue to handle that matter as we've handled it for the last 100 and how many years. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Landis's amendment. I'm in accord with what Senator Beutler has said. I think it's a mistake for the Legislature to begin doing these kinds of things because they usually occur at a time when a group or a number of people are particularly aware of a situation when ordinarily they would not have that awareness. So these kinds of things come and go. The public awareness and interest will rise and fall. I saw something happening with reference to the license plates. The purpose of the plates was to identify a vehicle and establish that a person had paid the amount of money required to drive that vehicle. Now they have become billboards that represent various causes. Generally a veterans group can get almost anything it wants from this Legislature and that should not be. There are all kind of emblems, symbols and other things on the license plates because various groups have asked that they be recognized. Then you get past the individual who is the veteran to a person who is a widow of a veteran, then a person who is a wife of a veteran, then the children or the survivors of people who died in various wars and it reaches the point where there