

SENATOR WARNER: Time. Senator Kristensen, followed by Senator Schmit. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members, Senator Beutler, I haven't seen this amendment so I...could I just ask you some questions. Is it written anywhere so I can...or can I get a copy of it? Or is it just merely striking?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's merely striking, Senator Kristensen. It's not complex.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. And just so I'm sure, you want to strike out "retired" on line 18, all of line 19, all of line 20 and that part of line 21 up to the period. Is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you. Members, I know the day is long and that your patience and temperance for things like this may be short, but these are still important matters to deal with and so I understand that they can be amended. Senator Beutler, this is a sort of question, it's a philosophic question that I would appreciate you coming to me. When I came to you in January and gave you the bill, these are the kind of amendments that I'd like to at least have a chance to philosophically sit down and talk about and think about before...at four-fifty on an afternoon to look at. But despite that, because the rules still allow that to be done, what I'd like to do is to try to give you my thoughts on that. The additional panels are not the back door. They are there for the cases of emergency. Now if you want to put in temporary, I don't have a problem with that. I could live with that rather easily if you want to put in temporary panels. That I don't have a problem with. But it would be rather foolish, it would be suicidal for the court to try to subvert and make permanent panels out of retired judges, ones that might be very difficult to find because retired judges are just that, they're retired and they are retired for a reason. They don't want to go back and work full time, either because of age or because of the years of service to put in already. And so with that, I mean, I understand your concern and if you want to add the word "temporary" in there, that's fine. I would fully appreciate that. I think that that's a purpose that is well served. I think that probably takes care of some of Senator Chambers' concerns as well. And if on line 20 you want to put after the words "to serve on temporary