

Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I rise to support Senator Beutler's amendment. You remember on General File when Senator Beutler and I had a disagreement about concern registered by me about taking the Legislature away as a final authority on these projects. I think with the Beutler amendment I think it puts into statute the process which I think is proper, that process being that if you...if the institutions have an idea, it goes before the, obviously, if it's the state college board or the Board of Regents, whatever, then it would go to the commission to give their recommendation either pro or con, and then it would come to the Legislature. I think that's the proper way for things to flow and, obviously, the Legislature then would have the final authority. And it's one of these things where, you know, probably 95 percent of the time I would think, as usually is the case, the Legislature would agree to this. I think it's important that the Legislature retain its ultimate authority on approval of these revenue bond type projects because what often happens is whenever average Joe citizen out there does not distinguish between revenue bonds and General Funds and cigarette tax, we have to answer for all of them. And so, given the fact that we have to answer for all of them, I think we should have the final say on all of them as well. One other thing I would mention, I do have a little concern about the time-line by this amendment. I guess I would only add that, under the Beutler amendment, it's 90 days and 60 days, that would be the ultimate. I guess I would only ask that the new coordinating commission, for the record, it doesn't have to take that long to approve something. If it's an emergency, obviously, they could do it in a month and we could do it in a shorter time, that is the maximum time it would take and I just hope that people would understand that. And so, with that, I would support Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Any other discussion on the Beutler amendment? Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just move the adoption of the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to vote on the amendment offered by Senator Beutler. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.