

NDIGC and the problems that attended it. But the purpose of this amendment, Senator Hefner, even if you don't like the Beutler amendment altogether, would make sure that when that amendment is adopted there is a limited period of time during which those who support this will have to get the job done. If it's not done within that time, the issue cannot be hanging forever simply because that provision is in the Constitution. That's why I'm offering the amendment and I hope it will be adopted.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We will now vote on the Chambers amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Chambers amendment? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. We will now go back to debate on the Beutler amendment. Senator Hall, followed by Senators Moore, Coordsen and Will. Senator Hall. Senator Moore. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, very briefly, I've never spoke on the Commonwealth issue before tonight, but I speak in support now of the Beutler amendment. I have voted in support of every possible reimbursement, I think save one, in the past years when we had the opportunity. I'm not speaking, I guess, on behalf of those that have marched around the Governor's Mansion or filled the lobby or wrote the letters, but there's a whole lot of people out there in my district and I'm sure in many of yours that have felt diminished in their respect for government, what they always have believed in. By our actions, whether we were legally correct or not, I feel a certain moral obligation to make another attempt, hopefully this one will work, to settle the issue once and for all. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Will. Senator Hall. There is no one else wishing to speak on the issue so I will recognize Senator Beutler for closing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, once again I want to make perfectly clear in case some of you were not here earlier in the debate, that we're