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bill that moved along just before this one may have exhausted everybody and they had to leave to kind of recoup and regroup their resources rather than any attitude they may have about this bill. But in all seriousness, unlike other bills that I have presented, there was no opposition whatsoever to this bill. If I had received any letters opposing it, I would be forthright in presenting that information to you because any issues that are raised I want to address them directly and in a forthright manner. I'm hoping that you will agree to advance this bill, but if Senator Beutler has that amendment...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that he is going to offer, I have no objection to it as it has been presented to me thus far.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. Clerk, are there amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the bill. (Beutler amendment appears on page 785 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I intend this to be a friendly amendment, a very friendly amendment that corresponds to Senator Chambers' desire that this particular bill be a first step in a process. I am also in agreement that additional steps in the future would probably be wise. But as the first step in the process, what he has described to us is the incorporation of materials into existing curriculum and into existing thought processes as it applies to textbooks and methods of teaching and everything that we're doing right now. So what the amendment says is basically that the incorporation of this particular program, and the amendment should be in front of you, is not going to require, is going to be designed so that it does not require additional total numbers of hours of instruction and so that it does not take away or dilute the present core curriculum that is being taught. Personally, I would be in favor in the future of putting some additional instructional hours into this kind of a program but that's not what this particular bill is designed to do. What will be done with this bill, as I see it, are some very obvious things and very important things it seems to me. I remember when I was growing up, it was Dick and Jane and Spot and Puff