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SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Beutler, for closing please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I understand that some people are not happy about the results of prior discussions on certain rules. But we each have to do what we think is right with regard to particular rules, and that's all I'm asking you to do in this case. They say what is the need for the rule? What is the need for the rule today? There is no need for this provision today, because in my opinion the Executive Board has done everything just as it should be done. But if somebody said to you, we're not going to make any more rules about cities, and we're not going to make any more rules about counties because they're doing everything right, we can just forget about all the rules because the next set of people that come in, they'll do everything right, too. Well, we all know that's nonsense. We all know that's nonsense. That we make rules so that we can perpetuate, over time, a way of acting, a way of doing things which, hopefully in our opinion, is a better way of doing things. And to say that there will not be a need in the future, I can tell you from my own personal experience, Senator Wesely has told you from his personal experience, I'm sure everybody that was in this body in 1978 and 9, and '80 would tell you from their personal experience that the role of Chairman of the Exec Board was used for the purpose and as a means of political influence within this body. And you got or you did not get a whole number of things because there was no policy. The policy was in the mind of one man, and it was executed as that person saw fit in accordance with whether you were behaving or misbehaving in this body. Much as today, maybe this amendment will get passed or not passed in accordance with certain people's opinion as to whether I have behaved or misbehaved on other matters. But nonetheless, all of that...all those petty things aside, I hope you will see fit to put this into the statute as a reaffirmation of what our Executive Board has done today. It's saying positively to them, yes, this was good, and we want to perpetuate what you've done. So I'd ask the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: You've heard the closing. Those members in favor of the Beutler amendment vote aye, those opposed vote nay. We're voting on the Beutler amendment to LB 898. Has everyone