

from 30 to 33, I would love to be a Governor, whether it be a good Governor or a bad Governor, Senator Morrissey hit it right on the head when he says, if you have a good Governor it's great, because it will be so much more difficult to override with 33. And if you may have a Governor that makes some bad decisions, it's still going to be difficult with 33, and those are the bad times. The point the body needs to ask itself is we're making a fundamental change in the power shifting from legislative to the executive branch, and I think you need to ask yourself why. Why are we going to do that now? Because that fundamental issue should be, in my opinion, debated and argued in and amongst itself, it's that fundamental to what the executive branch powers are versus the legislative branch's power. And to simply attach that as an amendment and say, I think it's only fair that if we do one on...when we're looking at tax policy, that we're trying to find a way to find a constitutional amendment that can go. To put it all on that reason and fundamentally change that balance of power I think is wrong, I think it's dead wrong. And I think we would not be in the best interests of our own selves and our body as the legislative branch to do so so quickly without a little bit more thought about it on a separate issue.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Morrissey, did you wish to address this issue again? I don't see Senator Morrissey. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next. Okay. Seeing no one else who wishes to address this, Senator Beutler, would you like to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, once again the amendment would simply say that in order to override a gubernatorial veto on one of these particular kinds of propositions would require 33 votes, and by that means continue basically the same relationship between the executive branch and the legislative branch that pertains right now with regard to an ordinary bill that we pass in this Legislature. Someone made mention that appropriations bills don't follow that pattern. But for myself, if I could do it, I would require additional votes there. In any event, it's not my expectation that this amendment is going to pass, because at no time that I've ever been in the Legislature has the legislative branch voluntarily handed over any power to the executive branch. And even in Senator Warner's memory that only happened once, in the 1960's, on a proposition that arguably did the Legislature a lot of good, too. So shifts in power between the branches of