

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam Attorney General, Senator Kristensen, I don't know if you wanted more time or not, I'd be glad to give you more time. But this whole section with regard to the arguments and how that should be structured certainly is a subject for some interesting philosophic debate. What I would suggest is that you go ahead with this amendment and clarify it and then if you want to change it, have a separate amendment making it the way you think it should be philosophically. But I think for purposes of the moment, that it would be good to have it one way or another clearly in the statute would be my only suggestion. I give you the rest of my time, Senator.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you, Senator Beutler. I think that's probably correct in terms of clarifying. I don't have a problem with clarifying. I do have a philosophic problem with the literature and that we're going to get ourselves in trouble, but Senator Schimek and I have talked about that and the task force talked about that at length. I guess also, Senator Schimek, at some point in time here this morning, I'm sure we're going to visit a little bit more and perhaps we'll do it on the second round of debate about the other items and how this educational process will fit into our new procedural rules, for example, with the bifurcated system. We're also going to have to have some educational process on how that works and educate people about, look, there will be two types of circulators, one will be paid, one will be volunteer, but at least at this point in time I'll probably vote for the Beutler amendment but I'm trying to make sure I understand what it does before the second round of debate. And, Madam Attorney General, if that's your new title, I guess I'd yield back the rest of the time to Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler, do you have anything further?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The only thing I have further is to make clear that I was suffering from a mental blank and I didn't really intend for you to change your position, Madam Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Any further discussion on the Beutler amendment? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, would you like to close? Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 337. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.