

Mr. President. (Beutler amendment, FA255, appears on page 2373 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, this amendment is very short. Under the bill as proposed by Senator Hall, these decisions that we would be making, or taking back to ourselves, would require the approval of the Legislature as a whole. My amendment would simply say that the Executive Board should make the decision. It seems to me that the Executive Board, we all have a representative on the Executive Board. The Executive Board is there to deal with things all year long, we're not there to deal with things all year long. Much of the work that's done I know from my experience is done after the legislative session is over and you do these things and wrap them up and get them settled for the next legislative session so there's not a big mess for the senators coming back. And it seems to me cumbersome and unnecessary and inappropriate because we have tight reins on our Executive Board and they should just do the job. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: We're now discussing the Beutler amendment. Senator Chambers, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I agree with Senator Beutler because on a lot of these things dispatch and decisiveness are necessary. And Senator Beutler reminded me of something, I've never been Chair of the Executive Board, but when we wanted to undertake our renovating we were running into the same situation where space might not be available so I also offered this bill. And Larry Bare was head of DAS, and Larry and I had always talked anyway, but he came to me and he said, Senator, I noticed you introduced this bill. I said, Larry, you're attentive, I know that you would notice it. This is a paraphrase. So he said, well I think we can talk about this. And I said, that's what the purpose of the bill was. And we talked about it and some of the things that would not move at all suddenly, to use my favorite example, it's as though there had been an Ex-Lax application and everything moved, in fact things flowed. I withdrew the bill. Now we're at the same situation again where it's necessary to do this. So this time I think we ought to go ahead and adopt this amendment, and as Senator Hall pointed out a point will be reached where we will have accommodated the needs of the Legislature, there will