

not be an ongoing struggle. But because I have space does not make me unaware of the needs of other senators. All of us are doing a job and all of us have needs. Rather than have to have a bill such as this offered periodically then withdrawn, it should be adopted. I'm going to tell you the only problem I have with Senator Hall's amendment, but I'm going to vote for it. I don't want to see these other offices specifically protected by statute. I would want us to have access to any space in the Capitol building that we deemed necessary. But I'm willing to follow the lead of those who have the positions and feel that what is being sought after is sufficient to meet the needs of the members. So I'm going to support Senator Beutler's amendment because nobody has demonstrated that the Executive Board has behaved in a way other than that which is approved by the Legislature as a whole. And for some of you who were not here, we used to have mismatched furniture. They'd find stuff various places and bring it to us. You might open a drawer and find the desiccated corpse of a rat or something, somebody lean on your desk and the whole thing leans the direction they lean. These little...these desks that had this false little piece of wood or something on top of it, it would separate from the rest of the wood and you might have a constituent who walked too close to that desk and it will snag her skirt or snag his coat or snag his britches, and naturally they wonder what's going on here. We had dinette chairs (laughter), we had wooden folding chairs, we had boxes, we just had anything that people could gather and give to us. Under enlightened leadership of the Executive Board directors that we've had, chairpersons, we've gotten desks, they've redone some of the original Capitol furniture, and an attempt is being made to give you a setting where you don't have to be embarrassed because people are going to tear their clothes up or sit in a chair and it will collapse on them. You know that is kind of embarrassing to everybody as well as being risky. The Executive Board, I think, has done a very good job. I think that Senator Beutler's amendment is suitable. Even though Senator Hall's amendment backs away from the issue in a way that I would not like to see done, it nevertheless is a reasonable thing to do and it will avoid some of the contingent that Senator Kristensen rightly mentioned may occur. But for my part I'd be prepared to face them as they arose and resolve them based on what the facts of the situation warranted. However, a different approach is being taken, a much more moderate approach and one which I think will still meet the needs of the members. So I'm supporting Senator Beutler's amendment, and I also then will support Senator Hall's.