

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bernard-Stevens, did you care to speak to the Beutler amendment? No. Senator Wesely, to the Beutler amendment. Senator Wesely, you are recognized.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, this is...this is a reasonable item to consider in the review, fair compensation. And I think when you...the term compensation, I would think would include the question of not only wages but benefits compensation would include both. Would that be your intent, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That certainly would be my intent.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Yeah, okay, with that understanding, I think that's...that makes sense and I would rise in support of the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Warner, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, on the surface I guess I don't have any objection to the amendment. I'm like others, I'm not sure if I know what adequate compensation equates to if you're going to interpret that and perhaps, Senator Beutler, did I misunderstand? I thought that's the words that you used.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Fair compensation, Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: Fair compensation. Does that have, in your opinion, does that have a legal basis? I mean, my...the first reaction that would come to my mind is minimum wage.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, it's not a term of art insofar as I know. This amendment, as you know, was not printed and has been kind of...

SENATOR WARNER: That's true...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...sprung upon us at the moment and it's a little hard to react to it. But I want to build in that particular factor.