

SENATOR WARNER: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It means depending on the work that is done. It certainly means more than minimum wage to me. In fact, if I were to suggest what I meant as a standard there, I would look at the compensation currently being given to the public employees doing the job and, to the extent that the compensation for the private entity was less than that, I would start looking more and more skeptically at it, as the gap between public compensation and private compensation widened.

SENATOR WARNER: I...I'm going to support the amendment and, for now, but from the discussion that we're having maybe that would serve somewhat as an interpretation. But, from my viewpoint, if a director was going to look at this, I would tend to, at a minimum, look at the word "fair" as that those employees were in a pay range at least that was comparable to the state pay classification system for people who were doing like work. I mean, that would seem to me to be a measurement system that...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, that would be an acceptable standard to me too. As I say, I'm...I'm caught a little off guard here. I think that it does need more specificity, but rather than having nothing at all, I would much prefer a general statement like this than nothing at all.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would support the amendment and with the...I would think perhaps, Senator Beutler, with just the floor discussion it would give an interpretation that if it's necessary to do something more, we could it at a later time, but...or another session, rather, but the concept I think is well established and I will support it.

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

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. If Senator Beutler would yield to a question.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator, I recognize that the intent with