

Speak to the Beutler amendment to the Witek amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the first thing I'd like to say is even though I disagree with the Lieutenant Governor on some issues, I'm glad that she has permission from the Governor to be here on this controversial matter this morning. And until I read the paper yesterday, I wasn't aware that he gave orders in advance of what the Lieutenant Governor's position is, what it shall be, and what it will not be. And although she may agree to that, which I doubt, considering, as I've said in the past, how snippy she is with me on occasion on rules questions, it just shows the arrogance of some of these men that I've talked about in the past. But to get back to what we're talking about here this morning, I'd like to ask Senator Beutler if, because I don't see your amendment here yet, does your amendment deal with the part in Senator Witek's which would do away with the creation of visitation referees and remove the section on filing modification actions without an attorney? Does it touch those areas, if you're aware?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, our amendment leaves everything that was in the main amendment before...that Senator Witek's amending. Everything that's in there remains in there, except for those items that I mentioned.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So all of the visitation referee material, if our amendment is adopted, remains.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, what we're looking at here, and Senator Beutler made it clear, is a tactic. He's trying to get something that will be palatable enough to persuade members to vote for cloture. There's a question as to whether they have enough votes. The bill is not made better, in my opinion, by Senator Beutler's amendment, nor is it made better, in my opinion, by Senator Witek's amendment with caveat, her's leaves it to the discretion of the judge to determine whether a drivers license will be taken as a means to enforce one of these child support orders. My opposition is using the drivers' license in this manner. I don't think it ought to be