

Senator Beutler is offering could be paraphrased from that to say, how many hoops must a person jump through? As a technician I can see where Senator Beutler wants to put a whole lot of specific steps that a person has to go through to get from point A to point B. Senator Witek is saying we can do it in one step or two. Senator Beutler says, well I'd rather take ten, because I like to work in that way, and that's the way we would do it. But as Senator Landis often points out, the more movable parts you place in something which you're constructing, the more points at which something can go wrong. I never thought that I'd be on the floor of this Legislature and see somebody candycoat vomit, somebody sugarcoat manure in such a manner that these two stomach-turning substances could smell and taste almost palatable. But Senator Landis almost did it this morning. You almost took that vomit and manure and made them palatable by the discourse that you shared with us. I think Senator Witek's approach is the superior of the two. There is so much in this amendment that Senator Beutler is offering which is not understood, which has not been explained, and which those who apparently worked on this amendment cannot agree to, that I think it would be a serious mistake to adopt an amendment as complex as the one that was just placed on our desk, in the few minutes that we have for discussing it. But I think we have more than the two hours or whatever Senator Beutler indicated would exist before we have used up eight hours and they can attempt to invoke cloture. This is one of those issues which I think most members see in its seriousness. And in the interest of trying to hasten a vote to get something done, I doubt that cloture would be invoked on this particular bill. There are amendments being offered, criticisms launched, not from one individual, not from what you could call one political camp, but across the spectrum from the ultraviolet of Senator Witek's arch conservatism to what you might call the infrared side of the spectrum of my radicalism, if you want to be careless in the use of terms. But I don't believe that we ought to accept Senator Beutler's amendment. He doesn't have time to explain it. I have looked through it and the cursory view I've given it makes me see some things that would need to be changed. And I would like to ask, Senator Bromm, did you work on this amendment? Oh, Senator Bromm.

SENATOR LINDSAY PRESIDING

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