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so that it won't fester in me and perhaps sour the rest of the debates on other issues. But this is one of those issues which we were going to discuss any way and I felt it could...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...brought up at this point without hurting the discussion at all. Back to Senator Beutler's amendment. I think he left a copy on everybody's desk. So if people would read the amendment and have a problem with it, I'm sure Senator Beutler could answer the questions very easily. I could answer them, but it's not my amendment. So all I'm in a position to do is very strongly express support for it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Abboud, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, members, in the time that this bill has been advanced from General File, we've tried to make accommodations with, with some of the members that had concerns that were raised during General File. And in the original amendments that Senator Beutler offered, they were not going to be able to be compatible with the federal rules and regulations that were established pursuant to the federal law that mandated states to have this type of law dealing with registration of sex offenders on their books. Now since that time that the bill was offered on, the amendments were offered on General File, Senator Beutler has made changes to his amendment, which is in compliance...which would keep us in compliance with the federal rules that have been mandated on this state. And I certainly am sympathetic to Senator Beutler's approach in dealing with this and that keeping the penalties similar, if you're convicted of a felony, then you're convicted later of nonregistration you're convicted of a felony, if you're convicted of a misdemeanor, if you fail to register your penalty would be a misdemeanor. And I am certainly in agreement with that philosophical approach. In reviewing the federal rules and regulations and discussions with federal administrators we found that this would not be in violation of the federal rules and regulations. So I'm going to be supporting this amendment to the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Beutler, there are no further lights on, would you care to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, I think there was no objection