

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator. You've heard the closing. The question before the body is, shall the Beutler amendment, AM3454, be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Beutler amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything else?

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM3460. (See page 1010 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: On AM3460, Senator Beutler, to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I direct your attention to Section 6 of the bill. Section 6 of the bill says that "The following activities are eligible for assistance from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund." And, by the way, we now in the bill have no definition of affordable housing with...with the amendment I suggested to you rejected. And under...on line 16, under subsection (3), one of the things you can do with the money out of this trust fund is provide "Technical assistance, design and finance services, and consultation for eligible nonprofit community or neighborhood-based organizations". Okay, you can provide these things to these organizations, but there's nothing in the bill that says it has to do with affordable housing. And so what my amendment would do, would simply say, you can provide these types of things that are "involved in the creation of affordable housing". Simply limits it to what I think the intent of the legislation is. Would ask for your adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: My reading of the amendment leads me to again to believe that there's no problem with it. I would...it looks like it's a technical, clarifying amendment. And I would ask...I'd rise in support of the Beutler amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Any further lights? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, you are recognized to close.