

Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I have a list of speakers. Senator Wehrbein on the Beutler amendment. He waives off. Senator Beutler, your light is next. Senator Lynch on the Beutler amendment. I don't see Senator Lynch. Senator Withem on the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Madam President, I was going to call the question because I thought we were nearing the end of the debate. This is a new amendment, however, and I would like to yield my time to Senator Wickersham. Being's it's his resolution, I'd be interested in hearing his response to the proposed amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you. I think Senator Beutler has brought a cogent and appropriate suggestion for amendment. We have discussed this in the context of trying to assure that the potentially affected or that the affected noncertificated employees have rights in the system. I've consistently said that that's my objective. I believe that's consistent with the objective of the other members of the Retirement Committee that voted to advance LR 343. I believe that's consistent with Senator Witek's objectives. I think that is consistent with what everyone wants and so, Senator Beutler, if it isn't too big a shock, I agree to your amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Call the question.

SENATOR CROSBY: We've only had two speakers, Senator Schimek, on this particular amendment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, and I really mean this when I say and members of the Legislature, there are issues that you all bring up that are of no interest to me whatsoever and I feel like you all take way too much time, but you have never heard me call the question, never. I suffered yesterday through all this talk about the luses who want to have brewpubs and I thought it was the most