

preposterously silly thing I heard, but I didn't even come up here and say it. Now we're talking about one of the most serious matters that could be before us and people are tired of discussing it and the question can be called. But I decided I would just express a little irritation this afternoon to get into the spirit of things that we usually encounter at the end of the session. But I would like to indicate something that would clarify a position I made earlier. I didn't catch everything Senator Beutler said with reference to my saying the state should throw the case. I had emphasized that I'm not saying a lawyer should not strongly advocate the state's position, but the theory on which the case is brought, just like what Senator Beutler is doing now. And I said the state should come trying to stop the recipients from getting those benefits. And then the other side would try to invoke the equitable remedy of estoppel so that the state could not have created a bad situation, then come with unclean hands and try to profit from it to the additional detriment of those who were already harmed. Well, now all Senator Beutler is doing is turning it around the other way and saying, argue on behalf of the recipients or those who will become recipients of these benefits. Whatever is done by the Legislature is not going to be satisfactory to somebody. Senator Beutler's current amendment and, Senator Beutler, so that I won't misstate it, would you say briefly again what your amendment is.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler, will you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: In the fourth line of the first section, Senator, of the actual substance of the resolution, it strikes the words "to determine" and substitutes the words "to obtain a ruling favorable to the benefit recipients on the following".

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Should you say "attempt to obtain a favorable ruling" or direct him to obtain a favorable ruling, which is something a lawyer cannot promise if he or she is representing a client? I cannot promise you an outcome when you come to me as a lawyer. So what is being suggested here is that the Attorney General be told to get this particular outcome. It would be different if we were saying "seek this particular outcome" which is what I say when I hire an attorney and it's what an attorney agrees to when he or she takes my case, not that I will guarantee you this outcome unless, Senator Beutler, it is one of those cases where they're going to sell me down the river, but