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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which has been substantively and substantially amended on the floor of the Legislature, and nobody can say that any of these amendments has slipped by. Each one is being thoroughly debated, although there is not that much difference between one and the other. The only thing being discussed is how broad the sweep of this bill ultimately will be. I would like it to encompass all public buildings, but I'm not going to offer that amendment. It's Senator Schmitt's bill. But as amendments are offered which expand the sweep, scope and reach of the bill, I intend to support every one of them and then support the bill itself.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Tyson on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. The Beutler amendments...Beutler amendment rides (sic) "Strike the Tyson amendment and substitute". I am all for that. I think that Senator Beutler has chosen better language that I did and I would urge this body to vote for the Beutler amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I, not being a smoker myself and only trying to smoke when I was a young boy and my mother found out about it and told me how bad it was and I...so I was fortunate enough that I had a mother who didn't think it was the right thing to do and I followed her lead, at least in that area, so I'm not...have not been a smoker. However, I'm a little bit uncomfortable about supporting the Beutler amendment based on what I'm seeing and the fact that I don't understand how the enforcement's going to take place. I think Senator Landis brought out a good point when he talked about these buildings that are on state parks and various other places that people rent and use and they are state property and how are you going to determine whether somebody's smoking in them or not; how are you going to enforce the law, in