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owned by the public. So I think there are some concerns here. I think they can be worked out. And, if all else fails, let's go back to the original bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chris Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, as I said, the original intent behind this amendment was certainly the concerns I had about the veterans homes, which then came to be true as we visited with the department, as well as the homes. Because of the medical conditions, right or wrong, whether you are for it or against it, it would prohibit the veterans from leaving the buildings in order to correspond to the Tyson amendment that was passed. Senator Schmitt has asked that maybe what we would do is go back to the original bill and possibly come up with something for a bill for next year. I visited with Senator Beutler, and again I certainly agree with his concerns. I have no intention of broadening the issue. The reason we went with the statute the way it is, is because other agencies, besides the veterans homes, came into play, and so we were trying to give it back to the agencies that are responsible for the care of the people in their facilities. The amendment that I have right now, I believe that there's a willingness to work so that we can more carefully define it. We're just going to need a little more time for that. Senator Beutler has an amendment following this and with the idea that we will try to reach a compromise agreement before the bill goes further, but we will not compromise Senator Schmitt's bill, which was...the original goal was to prohibit smoking in the State Capitol. So at this time, Mr. President, I will withdraw my amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is withdrawn. Next item on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next item I have, Senator Beutler, I'm now back to your amendment that had been filed, Senator, earlier; you withdrew it earlier.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd withdraw it again.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend, FA34, Senator, the one you just provided to us. (Amendment can