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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, well, think about it. I don't want to extend the discussion on this, on Senator Beutler's amendment, but I am expressing support for Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Janssen, you're recognized for discussion on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Just a few things that I'd like to talk a little bit about are, you know, you have to realize that maybe, you know, maybe because of the financial disclosure and so on and so forth on some of these boards, we may be missing...you may be missing some people who would be a big asset to those boards, who just don't want to disclose their financial interests, and I am sure that, you know, if the media really does want to find out what someone's assets are they can, by whatever means they use, find that out. It may take them just a little bit longer. But I'm not...you know, I've watched some of these members who come in and will accept the position of serving on, say, the chiropractic board, or whatever it is, and I certainly would hope...Senator Chambers said that these people are probably in the business; well, I would certainly hope they are. I mean, you get a grocer like me, what would I want to sit on a chiropractic board for? You know, if it was on animals, I might be able to pop a few joints, but not on human beings. I am only kidding there but that's what I'm getting at. You're going to have to get some of these people who are on those boards, and if it comes to the point where you can't get them anymore, what are you going to do, you know, get rid of the boards? I would hope it would never get down to that situation, but you never know. So that's what I'm getting at, and, hopefully, we never run out of people who are willing to volunteer their services serving on some of these commissions and boards. You know, most of all of them, you got Liquor Control Commission. All right, you know, they certainly should have some knowledge of alcohol or taverns or places that serve alcohol, I would think they would have. The same way with dentistry. You wouldn't get a carpenter to serve on the dental board, and, you know, most dentists I'm sure are, you know, making a decent living, and they have to disclose all of that.