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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members. I...I don't know whether I'll support this amendment or not. I guess I could. I don't have strong feelings, but I was wondering maybe, Senator Beutler, I kind of missed your opening, as to why you are so adamant that we shouldn't go private. I mean, obviously, this close the door on privatization and I...I'm just hesitant to automatically say that it's out and I wondered if you had any comments along that line, because perhaps you did in your opening and I missed it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: First of all, I intended to convey the impression in my opening that I was not adamant about this, but it seemed to me that there was a lot of discussion about this today and it seemed to me that there was a lot of bad feeling about what had happened in Colorado and how that had been handled. And third, it seemed to me that, in the progression of things, we are moving...if we...if this bill goes through ever, we would be moving from a very localized, personal governmental system to something else and, in terms of the comfort level, both of ourselves and of the entire state and the constituency that operates out of this configuration, I think they're going to be more comfortable knowing they can go to you and I and complain somewhere about the system and that they're not going to be treated coldly and distantly and perhaps not get instant satisfaction nor have an instant means of leverage in case they're not getting service right away. I think over all, it was just my feeling that...that perhaps we wouldn't want to move so far away from the current system as to privatize it, but rather that everybody would feel more comfortable with some, whether it's the State Treasurer or some other political subdivision or a state agency handling it. So it's no...it's no big thing with me. I don't mind leaving the option open, but I want everybody here to feel comfortable with it so that we can move, if we're going to move, in a direction that's suitable from...from everybody's perspective.