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lights, Senator Beutler, would you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, I think this amendment is in good shape. Just for your information though, I have distributed to the county attorneys and also to the public defenders so, if they come up with anything between now and Select File, we will certainly let you know. Otherwise, I think you can be confident that it's helpful. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The question before the body is, shall AM2315 be adopted to LB 74? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Beutler amendment is adopted. We are now on discussion of advancement to E & R Initial. Senator Chambers, there are no lights on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler and I were getting along famously this morning until he mentioned running this by the county attorneys. Frankly, I don't have a lot of confidence in county attorneys. You don't have to have any qualification to be one, other than to be a member of the Bar Association, and that, in itself, is not necessarily a plus, in my opinion, and that's probably why the constitution does not require you to be a lawyer to be the Attorney General or to be a member of the Nebraska Supreme Court, and you need not be a lawyer to be a member of the United States Supreme Court. But all you have to do, once you belong to the Bar Association, is get more votes than somebody else in running for that position. So obviously, if one of them says something that makes some sense, I would review it, but I'm not going to change any of my positions relative to legislation simply because a county attorney, a group of them or their organization tries to intrude into the legislative process. They have offended me deeply already this session. So, if they're smart, they'll head for the hills, brothers, run for cover, find a hole to hide into, and pull it in after