

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

April 10, 2000 LB 1021

out, probably.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Then I think I would need some clarifying language before I could support your amendment. I hope that's understandable.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Kristensen, on the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I just want to remind the Legislature of the discussion they had in the first round of debate where there was a general, I'd call it, awakening by several members about trips to ALEC, to other groups, where you have a scholarship or you have them taking and supplying you with airfare to go to their legislative meetings. This would fall into that and this would prohibit that. Just as long as you know what you're voting for is all I'm after, whether it's right or wrong is obviously going to be the decision that we'll make. But those sorts of things, if you're going to have a...if you want to participate on a...on an opening of markets in another country, this would not allow for that to occur because, obviously, the airfare and the hotel rooms that you would take up and occupy would have a value of more than \$1,000. I think Senator Landis is correct, I don't know that the value is as much the issue as there's always going to be a shifting line. At first we wanted to know who was having some influence in the Legislature, and so we...we've allowed and made a system up that had who the lobbyists and principals were. Well, that's not enough, so you move to the next level, so you want to know who everybody is, and you're going to start to intrude in many other areas. If that's what you want to do, fine, I just want to remind you of your debate the other day. I'm not going to vote for this amendment. But some of you, given the last vote, I think there were a number of people that didn't understand what they were voting for. I just want to remind you on this amendment what you are voting for, and I plan not to support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Further debate on the Beutler amendment? Senator Beutler, followed by