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ought to be doing the same thing that the corporate executive does, and that's being sure that things are run in accordance with our directives. And if you do not have an effective performance audit function, you are not doing that. And so that would be my comments for now, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis has called the question. Do I see five hands? I do. Members, the question is whether we shall cease debate. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on AM0915.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I was truly disappointed with the debate on this subject, except for Senator Brown's response, which at least took on the issues and made some suggestions, some helpful suggestions. I think probably the wisest course now is to withdraw the amendment, to listen to all suggestions, and I'm open to whatever anybody might have to suggest if you think there are some limitations or some aspect of this that needs further refinement. But it is not wildly broad. It is not oversimplified. It is to the point and concise and it does exactly what I think we should be doing. If somebody wants to put more safeguards on it, that can be considered as long as they don't render it useless. But the primary function that goes to the heart and integrity of government of being able to review every program of government should not be denied, now or later or ever. I withdrew the amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is withdrawn. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, do you have some items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. Your Committee on