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speaking.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, Senator Connealy, as I indicated to you earlier, I wanted, since you were not here last time and you're the sponsor of the bill, I wanted to get a statement of intent on record with respect to your suggestion program here, which I reiterate I think is really a good deal. The thing I wanted to clarify is that in line 12 of the Standing Committee amendment it talks about there being a qualifying suggestion, and then down at the bottom of the page we delineate some things that would cause it not to be a qualifying suggestion. You know, one that requires legislative enactment, for example, would not be a qualifying suggestion. But up above, in the first paragraph, you also allow the Department of Personnel to make rules and regulations, and I just want to be clear that it's not your intent that they should make any additional rules and regulations that would further qualify suggestions beyond and above what has been put into statute as limitations or qualifications. Would that be correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Connealy, did you wish to respond?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, thank you, Senator Beutler. Yes, and my intent is not to further restrict. It's to make sure that we have it down, that we don't make rules after someone has made a suggestion, that we don't have a higher bar later, that employees have an understanding of how the system works and that they aren't caught in some catch that they would not qualify if they provide a good suggestion that helps the state become more efficient and spend less money. So I agree with your clarification.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you very much, Senator. Thank you, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Seeing no further lights, we will vote on the advancement of LB 307 to E & R Engrossing. All in favor say aye; all opposed vote...all in favor say aye. All opposed vote nay. The ayes have it. The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.