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this is not about going after particular taxpayers in the language that is proposed in the Beutler amendment, I just don't believe that. And with the language of this amendment, this particular line, I will not support the Beutler amendment, as much as I believe that there is a role for the Program Evaluation Committee in oversight. But I'm going to keep talking and thinking about this bill in the way that I believe that we need to on economic development and that's about jobs. Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL PRESIDING

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Brown (Visitors introduced.) Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Engel, members of the Legislature, this amendment wasn't intended to take out after LB 775. It was merely intended to incorporate LB 775 within the purvey of what the committee could do. I am, myself, surprised that this language is a little bit different. That wasn't intentional and I'll have an amendment to make it just the same, and that will be forthcoming shortly. But I just want to get that on record as quickly as possible because the intention was not to do more than the Auditor could do with financial accounts Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I have been watching LB 608 since our significant debate on General File and understand all the efforts that have been going forth. And I, too, have become convinced that we would really be foolish not to repeal what is referred to as the LB 270 program, save the \$4 million in an endeavor to do something worthwhile that would be responsive to the needs of our rural areas and communities. And so I'm generally supportive of all that. I certainly do rise in opposition to Senator Beutler's amendment as pending before you for all of the reasons that we debated it more extensively than I hope we do or need to here on General File. This simply is much more serio...much more significant than it's ever portrayed as, at least from those who propose it.