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to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, the amendment, I think, has everybody's agreement, so there's no need to spend additional time on it. Just to remind you, it requires that the 30-day period needed of active service in order for these provisions to kick in will be required, as under federal law, to be 30 consecutive days. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing on the Beutler amendment, FA1464. All in favor of the amendment please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA1465. (Legislative Journal page 637.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, you are recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we have discussed this particular proposal and maybe it is not necessary that I go any further with it at this time, because on Select File I can offer the amendments that I think are appropriate. Since this discussion is primarily designed for me, and maybe some others, to understand what the bill does, I believe the discussion we've had of Section 4, which my pending amendment would strike, is understood by all who have an interest in it. My quarrel at this point is the way we have expressed it, or with the language that was chosen to express the ideas, and I do have a substantive concern about requiring the person who's going to be appointed to either one of these positions, meaning the position in chief or the assistant's position, must have had four years as a commissioned officer immediately prior to this appointment. I would like to ask Senator Schimek a question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek.