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SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Beutler, honestly, I sought to give us some time on this bill to discuss these issues. I mean, obviously, we haven't had the opportunity to discuss that. Do you object to that opportunity, or do you still wish to get your vote today?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, you can discuss it as long as the body wishes to discuss it.

SENATOR SMITH: Is it your desire for us to meet outside of this before this bill moves forward? I thought that was the characterization when you were willing to withdraw AM...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I would entertain any ideas you have. The ideas that you've presented so far I have, in fact, entertained. I've indicated to you that one is acceptable in terms of my personal view of the matter, and the other is not. I've explained to the Legislature my rationales. They have made a judgment. I would have accepted the judgment had it gone either way in good faith and with a happy disposition, but there is no point...I don't want to delay this bill in order for...unless you're...if you intend to rehash old ideas that this Legislature has acted upon. If there are new ideas, that would be another matter, but it's a little late in the game, Senator, to be proposing new ideas at this point in time and holding up something on Select File, which hasn't moved particularly fast. We've delayed this for awhile now trying to accommodate the ideas of the Department of Revenue and others.

SENATOR SMITH: And, Senator Beutler, when your initial position was in objection to my amendment and then you came to me and you said, you know, I think I can live with that, and that was the last word that I had, am I being unreasonable to think otherwise?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator, you are, because an indication...a positive indication to you about your amendment in passing in the hallway is not an indication that I accepted each and every thing in the amendment, and I think anybody