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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the Wiitala amendment. (Read the Wiitala amendment as found on page 1750 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Wiitala has proposed an amendment which says that no title insurance company or title agent may accept an order for title insurance business and then it goes on to relate it to a controlled business situation and makes further definitions. The problem I perceive here is that it is not always possible to know who the order is coming from in the sense that you may not know the producer of title insurance that is involved in the transaction if the order comes directly from the consumer. Therefore, you are not quite sure when you have or have not accepted an order knowing that it is from a producer of title insurance under the language of the amendment. I think Senator Wiitala has agreed that if we put the clarifying language in there from a producer of title insurance, that is the main purpose of this amendment, that that would clarify the situation and make it more reasonable in terms of the knowledge that a title insurance agent or company would have when the order is called in. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wiitala, did you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR WIITALA: Yes, I would just like to rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment to my amendment. I think it is clarifying and I think it does nothing but support the amendment as far as the intent is concerned.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you wish to close, Senator Beutler? The question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to the Wiitala amendment. A simple majority. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that wish to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to the Wiitala amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The adoption of the Beutler amendment is approved to the Wiitala amendment. Now we are back to the Wiitala amendment. Senator Wiitala, did you wish to speak to your own amendment?

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, just briefly. I would just like to say to the body that if you take a look