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amendment does not preclude the Department of Roads from operating its own concessions. All it is saying is that it is not going to allow the leasing out to concessionaires over a twenty year period for concessions so the limitation is on the leasing of concessions. You may even want to think about in the future a limitation on the Department itself operating concessions but the amendment itself does not preclude the Department itself operating concessions. I don't think that this amendment in any way can be interpreted as antitourism. If there is any interpretation to be given to it I think it would be protourism but proprivate enterprise tourism. What we are saying is that there are already businesses and establishments in operation out there and that we should promote them. Why should we create another situation where we are in competition with those tourism businesses? I think this is a very important point. So please remember all those distinctions and finally in the end I would ask you to adopt the amendment and let's take a close look at this before we pass the bill and if there are problems with the amendment, I am going to work with everybody. Basically I just want to see preserved those rest stops that are presently rural and pastoral in nature in the interstate sculpture areas and the basic system that we have in place now. It is not my idea to cut out any particular state recreation area or to cut back on any present arrangement. I have no individual situation in mind. It is a matter of the principle of development that will follow in the future. With that I would again ask you to adopt the amendment and go from there. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill has been returned and we are voting now on the adoption of the Beutler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment is adopted. Do you have anything else on the bill? Senator Beutler, did you wish to return the bill?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question now is to return the bill to Final Reading. All those in favor say aye, opposed nay. It is returned.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to return the bill for a specific amendment.