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LB 994

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I am amazed at Senator Beutler. You know, this is a bill he had before the committee last year and this year and maybe another year, I don't know. It never gets out of committee. And he is the one that always...it's not germane, we know it's not germane, but I am not going to challenge that. He is the one that is always telling us we should not be toward the end of the session folding other bills into bills that are on the floor. That is not good policy, but here we are trying to do it. So I don't care if you vote for it or not. I don't like the bill (sic) but I don't think it should be on this bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, Mr. President and members, like I said earlier, when you put a horse out here with a long back you can have a lot of saddles thrown on it and this is another one of them. This is a bill that, as Senator Lamb indicated, Senator Beutler has had before the committee. It didn't get enough votes to get out of committee but...yes, I guess it did, it is on the...it is out of committee. I am sorry, Senator Beutler. There is a...this bill is out on General File, I guess. And this is the first of many attempts we are going to have later on this session to stick something on, something that looks like it might be moving someplace. I am not sure that this is a good...going to help you or not, Senator Beutler, or whether it is going to help 994 at all. I would only say this that Senator Beutler's idea of raising the requirement for the attendance of school from 16 to 17 years has been watered down enough to overcome the objections that I had originally and that was that I didn't want to force people to stay in school when they no longer wanted to. He has put in some language that is that there has to be at least a consultation and a meeting to try to counsel this student out of dropping out of school. That is probably not a bad idea. I guess I don't have any objection. I don't have any objection to Senator Beutler's bill. I think I do have a little objection, however, to adopting it to this bill. I think this bill has got enough of a load to work its way across