

SENATOR DeCAMP: Clearly on his behalf, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And he has not specifically asked you to withdraw the bills?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Oh I think we mutually agreed after discussion that this was a wise policy.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is it intended that the bills will be re-introduced next year?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Is it intended by me or the Governor?

SENATOR BEUTLER: By either.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Is not intended by me and what the Governor intends to do next year, God and the Governor know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so we don't know as a legislative body whether the Governor intends to reintroduce these bills next year or not. Is that... That is basically correct.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I think it is reasonable to say that nobody really knows for certain what they are going to do next year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. Members of the Legislature, I really think that before we take action to allow these bills to be withdrawn that we should get definite word from the Governor that there is no intention to introduce these bills again next year and let me tell you why I suggest that. If there is an intention to reintroduce these bills again next year then I think we should proceed to have the public hearings and if the committee wants to hold the bills for a year that is fine. But if they are going to be reintroduced next year there is going to be a tremendous waste of public monies and private monies by going through this same process all over again. Let me give you some examples. First of all, just the legislative printing costs on these bills, these four bills alone, was \$11,000. If these bills are reintroduced again next year that is a wasted \$11,000. I called one of the four agencies involved to see how much staff time they had put in in responding to the reorganization Task Force questions and questionnaires, responding to constituents, calling in and wanting to know what they could do, responding to staff inquiries and one of the four agencies indicated that they had expended \$25,000 in staff time to accommodate these things. Now if you multiply that times four, I didn't have the time to check all four agencies, but now we are up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. I think that it is reasonable to assume that if these bills are going to be reintroduced again next year that there will be a similar expenditure again next