CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the last portion of the committee amendments. (Read Beutler amendment).

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the portion of the amendment that I am dealing with has to do with the Crime Victims Reparation Board. The amendment, as I understand it Senator Warner, would limit somewhat the scope of the payments by the Board, is that not correct? It limits the scope of the payments by the Board.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, to some extent, it limits it as they propose. For example, someone could not qualify who had aided or abetted the offender in the commission of an unlawful act. It is a clarification that they would not be reimbursed.

SENATOR BEUTLER: What my amendment does basically is strike Article 18, from Chapter 81 and repeals the Crime Victims Reparation Board in its entirety. Now, this is something that I have been wanting to discuss for some time. A very popular item, Crime Victims Reparation Board. But I want you to think about it for a minute and see if it is not an area where we can save $120,000. Why do we have a Crime Victims Reparation Board? Why did in 1976 or 1977 a hundred years after the existence of this state began did we feel a need to do this? How do we help crime victims? In the first place we have our welfare system. We have our basic social safety network, our basic safety system for all people who for one reason or another are unfortunate enough to need the help of the state. That welfare system applies to victims of crime as well as to all other kinds of victims. Then secondly we gone ahead and created this Crimes Victims Reparation Board. Now my question to you is, why do they need extra help? We sympathize. Sure we sympathize but we also sympathize do we not for those who are struck by lightning, with those who are struck with muscular dystrophy, or any one of a number of horrible diseases. Why is it that this state has adopted the philosophy that suddenly this particular type of misfortune is different from all others and the state should especially fund it, not just protect them with the welfare system, but protect them with some additional form of social service. I suggest to you that there is no underlying rationale for that distinction. The state is not at fault. It is not the state's fault that there is crime. We are doing everything possible every day in this Legislature to try to stop crime. We