

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I am in a quandary on this one and if it's a serious problem, maybe Chris can help me out. First of all, I don't claim to really understand the entire issue that well. And that's the truth. This abstracting is kind of a specialized business. Therefore, I am almost compelled to talk to and listen to those who know something about it. The only person I know in the room who knows probably more about abstracting than anybody else, well, unfortunately it is Chris Beutler, because he is in the abstracting business. But if I listen to him, maybe I am committing some sin as a conflict of interest. Worse than that, since he knows more about it and it could affect him, maybe that poor soul is putting himself in a position of hopeless conflict of interest. And so, as I say, I don't know whether I can listen even though he knows what he is talking about, I think, and I don't know if he can talk even though he knows what he is talking about. So I don't know what to say about the amendment.

PRESIDENT: How will we get out of this dilemma, Senator?

SENATOR DECAMP: I suppose we have got to contact the World Herald and get an opinion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers, do you have a comment on this? Senator Beutler, are you...you can have the floor again if you wish it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would just move the adoption of the amendment, Mr. Speaker. I do have an opinion from the Accountability Commission that I don't have a potential or actual conflict on this. I don't...on the amendment I do. Well, John thinks I do. Therefore, I won't vote if that concerns him. But I would move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the amendment to the committee amendments, offered by Senator Beutler. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. A simple majority necessary. Anybody wish to vote on the amendment to the amendments? Do you wish to vote on the Beutler amendment to the amendments? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to the committee amendments.