

understanding in the past the occasion has arisen when there were...of the two attorneys that were required by law, one of them, or both, but at least one may have had very little active experience in abstracting and specialized in other areas. And since the bill provided for only one attorney, it was felt that while it limits the number of people who might be appointed, it was felt that it would be appropriate that that attorney be an individual who was particularly on a day to day basis knowledgeable in the area rather than just an attorney. And I think...personally, I think that makes sense and I would think that the Beutler amendment probably should not be accepted in order that we can be sure that that attorney is an individual who is knowledgeable in the area even though there may be a limited number of individuals that that definition applies to.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't altogether disagree with what Senator Warner is saying. I think then that probably the proper approach in the end, and we could do this on Select File, would be to delete the language now and to come back on Select File and say, a lawyer experienced in the area of real estate. That would certainly be an acceptable amendment to me. But to say that it has to be a lawyer who is also a registered abstractor simply has the wrong influence, in my opinion, of giving those who are abstractors more control over the Board of Abstractors than they have had to date. And, personally, my opinion of the Board of Abstractors has been that they need more outside influence and not less outside influence. So I suggest to you today that you adopt the amendment, the effect of which would be to say that the one lawyer representative can be any lawyer and not necessarily a lawyer who is also a registered abstractor. And then on Select File I would take it upon myself, unless Senator Warner himself wants to follow up on it, to say it has to be an attorney who is experienced in the area of real estate. Then we could have the good compromise where you get somebody who is experienced which is what Senator Warner wants but who is not somebody who is a licensed abstractor and therefore under the control of the Board of Abstractors which is what I don't want. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I would ask the adoption of the amendment with that understanding.