

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question or two, if I might. Now most of us have not been in on these deals or these agreements that you and Senator DeCamp have been agreeing to and apparently some others that have made deals that we don't even know what they are. But I would like to ask you a couple of questions about...I don't know whether it is about this amendment or the bill, but I understand that attorneys in the past have done abstracting. Is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Nichol, as I understand it, the custom outstate is for attorneys to do abstracting. In order to do abstracting, however, they have to get a license to do abstracting just anyone else would.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Have they had to do this in the past?

SENATOR BEUTLER: To get a license?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I believe so, yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, it is my understanding that they haven't and I will look into that in the meantime. Now the attorneys can also sell title insurance now, can they not?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir, if they get a title insurance agent license.

SPEAKER NICHOL: That's right. They don't have to belong to the abstracter's business to get to sell title insurance do they?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Will they have to under this bill?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Will they have to be abstracters in order to sell title insurance?

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, will they have to belong and get