

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the amendment. After all, we just passed 662. The Governor signed it. Now all of a sudden we're going to turn around and change it. If it is bad legislation, why wasn't it vetoed? The same people who are asking to have this thing changed were the supporters of this bill, and just comes back and you want to change the basic part of that bill. I question why Senator Wesely handed these editorials out. It seems to me like that refutes the idea that we should reconsider. I'm not going to go any farther. I think it's all been said. I support what Senator Lamb just got through saying and especially the words of Senator Cal Carsten. I think we should defeat this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, a couple of questions of Senator Carsten if I may.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you respond, please?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Carsten, did you attend a breakfast meeting this morning at which only Republican senators were present?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And at that meeting was LB 505 discussed?

SENATOR CARSTEN: To some degree, yes, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Was the amendment stripping the 662 provisions off of 505 discussed by the Republicans?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: You're welcome, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I simply posed the question, Mr. Speaker, as to whether partisan politics is not entering into this at this particular point in time. In light of some of the previous remarks that have been made with regard to the