

someone who is a resident of the state, or who has a place of business here, who has graduated from a college or university, so, therefore, it encompasses or would include some educational requirements, and who has passed a written examination on accounting, an examination which is meritorious for its difficulty, and I think all of you are aware of that. Then in addition to being a certified public accountant...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...it needs to be one holding a current Nebraska permit to practice. On that same page that I've handed out to you, Section 1-136.02 of the statutes, it outlines what is required in order to have this active permit. And if you will look at that, you will see that some experience is required, and the experience that is required is outlined in that statute for you in order to have the permit. So, by virtue of making the requirement that I'm asking you to make, there would be some educational and experience requirements that would be necessary in order to hold the office. These are not my most important points, but I wanted to give you this for background information so that you understand, first of all, what a certified public accountant is, and what is required in order to have an active permit to practice. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I oppose, violently, this amendment. The other day I gave a little talk about freedom and losing it. This, in a sense, is basically the same thing. Then we were talking about appointing the Regents. Well, pretty soon Senator Beutler is going to come in with a bill that you have to be a CPA to be the treasurer. The State Treasurer doesn't have any qualifications. You can be State Treasurer and they handle a lot of money. Then Senator Beutler is also dwelling on performance and ethic standards. Who sets the ethics? Are those ethic standards different than the ones he is going to set for senators? I don't understand where he is coming from when he says ethic standards. Who is going to set them, the Legislature? So this doesn't carry any weight, ethic standards. So I just don't understand why he wants to narrow down the people who can run for elective office. As far as having qualified people in the office, you can hire