

them. You can hire CPAs, the same way as you do in the Public Service Commission, they hire their staff, they hire people that have expertise in the field. I just don't understand why anybody...why don't we have the same sort of standards and ethics to run for the Legislature? Why don't we have it for every office? Well, why don't we do it like they do the Bar, you have to join the Bar before you can practice law. Hell, let's just put ethics, and performance, and rules, and regulations on everything if you want to do this. I don't understand where he is coming from. He already admitted, and Senator Chambers has told you you don't have to be an attorney to be Attorney General. Why doesn't he put a bill in to make you be an attorney to be Attorney General? Why is he honed in on the Auditor's Office when all the rest of these are out there floating around? So I say, Senator Beutler, be consistent, do it for all of them. What is the purpose? As far as I am concerned let's just vote no on the committee amendments. I'm not going to question the germaneness because it isn't going to win anyway. But I am opposed to the amendment, and I ask you to do the same thing. Let's just do away with this and get it over with. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm not aware of any other office held by any person in this state who can be put out of that office after a hearing before some board which can revoke a license, and once you've lost the license you lose your qualification to hold the office. So let's say that a person must be a CPA. Under the law that Senator Beutler handed out, after notice and hearing is provided in the given section the board may revoke or may suspend, for a period not to exceed five years, any certificate issued under the provisions of the law, and so forth. So if a person of the wrong party got into office, then the board could revoke the license of the person, and the person would no longer be qualified to serve in the office. Some people may say this is far-fetched. But we saw, from a discussion of an issue today that is as far from politics as anything that I can think of, which was converted into a political issue. So if we are going to go into an area which starts out political, there is no reason to say that politics won't enter in. But I don't think there should be these hoops provided which would prevent the public from voting for whomever they choose. The right to