

the rules to consider the amendment. Yes, it is debatable. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, as you know I vigorously fought this bill yesterday and Senator Beutler did come and talk to me this morning and we had quite a long talk. And for those of you that feel that this might be a political maneuver on Senator Beutler's part, I want to assure you that it is not. Senator Beutler became very involved and reacted and wanted to do something about this issue over some problems we had a few years ago. And he is very sincere in what he is trying to do. So after we visited and as you know probably Chris and I have had our disagreements in the past, his sincerity is there because he wants to upgrade the office of the auditors. And after we visited, I agreed with Senator Beutler that to withdraw the kill motion and that quite possibly in this instance he did have some good points, so I withdrew the kill motion and I am going to support Senator Beutler's motion to reconsider and I will support his amendment because I believe he is sincere in what he is trying to do because it is an important office. It does not basically ban anybody from really running for the office because anyone who is interested enough to run for the auditor's office is going to know that he is going to have to have some sort of a background or he won't be qualified by the electors and he won't run for the office. Senator Lamb mentioned qualifications for a plumber. Well, you do have to have qualifications to be a plumber, Senator Lamb. We have to have the city license and you have to have a state license. There are qualifications for a lot of things. So I would like...the reason I am making this talk is to put out of your minds that it is a political issue because I am convinced it is not. Maybe at one time years ago it could have been, but at the present time it isn't. So I am going to support Senator Beutler on his reconsideration. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, would you like to close on your motion to suspend the rules? Senator Beutler, would you like to close on your motion to suspend the rules? All right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to withdraw the motion in lieu of Senator Haberman's motion.