

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, if I could just say one word.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Again, so that everybody understands what we are doing, this would simply put in place the compromise reached with the non-CPA's that there be a minimum education requirement of a college degree. I think in response to Senator Lamb that I would simply point out to you that there is a difference between policy-makers and technicians and as I view it, the auditor of public account is a technician, a technician who has to do some very, very complex things. Senator Lamb is a policy-maker. That involves a lot of different kinds of things than simply an office where the holder is required principally and almost exclusively in this case to be a technician. So I would ask you to keep in mind that we are talking about the head accounting officer, the head auditor of a corporation of a billion and a half dollars. And I think that the compromise suggestion is not at all out of line. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I guess I would like to ask the Clerk exactly what we are on right now. I thought we were reconsidering the committee amendments from yesterday. Is that correct? I thought we were...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, we are.

SENATOR VICKERS: We are on the committee amendments from yesterday?

SPEAKER NICHOL: We are on the committee amendments, however at the moment we are considering an amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR VICKERS: An amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: That's right, by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR VICKERS: And the amendment to the committee amendments would say that the State Auditor has to have a baccalaureate degree. Is that correct, Mr. Clerk?