

the statute has guaranteed already that people will be in that office who can do the work. The auditor as the elected official has the responsibility to be sure that the work is done. Such being the case, there is no need for Senator Beutler's amendment. There are other positions, I think at the county level with reference to surveying or being the engineer, whatever the position is called, which has certain requirements for a deputy to make sure that if the person who wins the top job does not have all of the knowledge required to carry it out, the second in command who is hired will have that knowledge.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am opposed to the amendment and I hope you will defeat it again today as you did yesterday.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler. There are no other lights on, Senator Beutler, if you would like to close on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, there are a lot of things that can be intelligently said and thoughtfully said about this particular bill but to suggest that you have all been snookered on this bill procedurally is absolutely false and nonsense. From the very beginning, from the moment we stepped up here the very first thing that was said was to explain to you why the process that was used was used. It is not Senator DeCamp's bill essentially at this point in time. That was made known to you at the very beginning. Whatever Senator DeCamp may have said about laying it over, really had nothing to do with Senator DeCamp because it is my bill and I don't say that in any way derogatorily of Senator DeCamp. He was kind enough to let me do it and I appreciate that. But to say that the Legislature was snookered, merely gets you off the track from the substantive arguments on the bill. With that, Mr. Speaker, I wish to withdraw the amendment. I appreciate Senator Vickers' suggestions and I would await his amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend the committee amendments.