

didn't say the Legislature had been snookered, Senator Beutler, wherever you are. I said, I had been. I withdrew the kill motion. I was the one snookered. I acknowledge it. Everybody else based on what you say probably knew what was going on anyway. But I am not going to say that. Maybe they didn't know any more than I did. But you were completely off the mark because you were probably somewhere lobbying a bill and you didn't hear well what I said so I am correcting your misinformation. Now you have to look, I think, when you consider these positions, at the fact that they are created by the Constitution. They are made elective, meaning that anybody who meets the qualification of an elector is entitled to vote for whoever runs for this office or chooses to do so. What the Legislature is trying to do now is restrict the number of people who can run for these offices, trying to restrict the number of people who can run for these offices. Senator Beutler and some others are upset about what Johnson, the present Auditor, did with reference to some report he did on how Governor Thone manipulated or maneuvered some funds around in his office so they are saying change everything now and limit who can run to this office...for this office to a given profession. I don't care what the CPA's and the accountants have agreed on. I don't believe in what the bill is doing. Now a lot of legislating for a lot of people on a lot of issues is done out there in the rotunda, but that is not where my thoughts come from. That is not where my principles come from. We are looking at really a philosophy of government, how much right the people have to vote for a person of their choice for a given office. If you were going to mess with the Legislature and say that a person had to be in this country at the time he ran for the Legislature, he or she, Senator DeCamp probably wouldn't be in the Legislature because his campaign was conducted from Vietnam. But we are not going to do anything about unduly restricting who can run for the Legislature and we are going to make sure that if senators have conflicts of interest, there are no legal sanctions, but for everybody else there will be. Suppose you said no lawyer could run for the Legislature. All the lawyers would be upset because they want to be here and work for those special interest groups that they represent, whether it be those who sell title insurance, those who handle personal injury cases, those who probate estates, those who do whatever lawyers do to make their money. They are going to make sure you don't impinge on what they do and the fact that they can be placed in a position to enact laws