

relative to what it is they do. When it comes to other offices though, they who acknowledge they don't have any knowledge about accounting or what the job entails are going to say, but there be those who do and I want those who do to be put in that position and we are going to restrict it so that only those who we think know or should know will have a chance to get the office. Senator Beutler nor Senator Vickers nor anybody else in here can ensure that because a person has a baccalaureate in accounting or is a CPA will be an honest person, will be an attentive office holder, will be a good administrator, will be any of the things required to discharge the duties of this office. It is merely a hoop to make people jump through. They should tell what it is they are trying to guarantee other than the restriction and the number of people who can run for this office. Then they should be able to guarantee that saying somebody who has a degree in accounting, maybe they got D's, maybe they got the minimum grade necessary to graduate, and yet that person is as qualified to handle the office as somebody who got a straight A or somebody who is a CPA. The bill, obviously, is a compromise and when you compromise in the way this bill is you wind up saying nothing. We should not change...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the qualifications of an office to settle a squabble among people who are members of one profession where they have an elitist attitude at the top level. I hope that Senator Vickers' amendment will be defeated too. Even though the Governor is head of the National Guard, you don't say that he has to have been in the National Guard. The President doesn't have to have been in the army even though he is Commander in Chief. He is head of the Justice Department and appoints the Director of the Justice Department, the Attorney General, but they don't say he has to be a lawyer so he can understand who to appoint. Those kind of arguments don't wash and they have no validity whatsoever when we are talking about an elective position. So I hope you will defeat Senator Vickers' amendment even though I feel it is probably a good faith effort to settle the squabble out in the Rotunda. Let the squabbles occur in there. I hope deliberative legislating occurs here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, then Senator Chizek.