

state who should run for a public office. We are trying to make the decisions on how qualified, whether he ought to have a minor, or he ought to have a major, or he ought to know debits from credits, assets from liabilities, that he ought to know bonding and funding and governmental accounting. We are trying to decide who should run for that office and I think that is wrong. I give the people of this state more credit than we are giving them in making a decision on who should run for a public office. I hope this bill goes down. I appreciate what Senator Beutler is trying to do, appreciate it very much. I appreciate his concern and his interest and I think it is a bad bill. I urge that you do not adopt the amendments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, in response to Senator Goll, some of the questions that Senator Chambers asked me about what happens in higher education, I could not answer with exact clarity. I thought I was correct and in reflection I know I was correct. So if you want to change the record to say that I...that those answers are firm, then I would so do so. The issue that we are discussing is not whether or not the voters know who they are voting for, know exactly what the qualifications are. The issue we are trying to discuss as a policy making body and we are the policy making body of this state, we have been elected to be policy makers, is whether or not as a matter of policy the business of this state should be run by people that know something about that business and the office of State Auditor is a business position. It would be very similar, it seems to me, to have one of us who knows nothing about cars, trying to answer a question as to how to run Senator Goll's business, and I certainly wouldn't know. It would be very similar to having Senator Vard Johnson respond to a question and I was back in a phone booth with...the other day with my son asking me what to do about a cow that was down out there. I am trying to run that business albeit by phone but I have got to know a little something about what goes on in that business and maybe Senator Vard Johnson would be able to tell my son what to do. As a matter of fact, he would probably tell him just as good, the cow wound up dying anyway. But the point is you had ought to know a little something about the business you are trying to operate and that is all the amendment that is adopted now as the committee amendments would do. All it does is says that