

to state, as Senator Beutler has stated, the Ombudsman, the Office of Public Council is a separate program item, and if it was necessary and appropriate for them to be relocated and if rent was necessary to pay, then funds within that program would need to be provided because other monies could not be used from a different program appropriate and properly for that. So whether the merit of moving it or not is an issue which each of you make your own judgment. I merely rise to point out that this is a request that has been discussed by Senator Beutler here. There was no recommendation or consideration on the part of the Appropriations Committee in its hearing processes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Can you all hear me?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I know that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.)

SENATOR HIGGINS: I'd like to ask if Senator Beutler would yield to a question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, would you respond to a question, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator, I was told this morning by another colleague that when you offered this amendment it was actually going to be a hundred and some thousand dollars. You said \$23,000 if I hear you correctly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Is that what the amendment truly is?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We have several speakers left on this amendment and I think we probably should break for lunch. Senator Harris, would you like to recess us until