

country started out with, little whistle-blower ideas where I watch and see if Jackie Smith happens to put a government pen in her purse, and then...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...blow the whistle on her and say, aha, she stole a government piece of property, a ball point pen. Pretty soon we are all watching each other and everybody becomes a little bit paranoid in their jobs. Isn't it a far better idea to do something positive with employees, reward them for being watchful? What supervisor can get angry when somebody drops a simple suggestion in a suggestion box that says we can do it better this way? You've got a happier employee if they get rewarded. You've got a supervisor that has kind of been put on notice, you know something, you are either not doing...you are not paying attention to your employees, just like a lot of senators aren't paying any attention to me right now, or you're not the best man for the job.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I'm going to vote against the bill since we didn't get Senator Beutler's amendment, and perhaps next year come up with a positive method. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR LABEDZ: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Wesely, then Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, this bill has had a tortured life. It seems like every bill I get involved in ends up that way. I certainly don't think it is a Communist plot or anything that some of you may think it is. In fact it is a worthy piece of legislation that is very close to being passed and now looks like it may be very close to being killed. A lot of games are being played on the floor. Senator Landis spoke eloquently, I thought, against the Beutler amendments. They were defeated. But evidently many of you felt very strongly about it. But part of the reason the Beutler amendments were defeated were those that opposed the bill voted against the amendments, and now they've gained some strength because some of you