

say it doesn't. Is abortion murder? Some would say it is, some would say it isn't. Did Ronald Reagan really have a secret plan to increase the taxes? The Lieutenant Governor shook his head and said yes, he did. So did another individual who lost. I've even forgot his name. He was running for president. He said he did. The essence of political debate is to get all the ideas out. This puts a much stricter standard, an unconstitutional standard on political debate where you are supposed to have a wider open standard than exists for the general public. The fact that nobody has taken it all the way and gotten it officially declared unconstitutional doesn't mean it isn't unconstitutional. I think Judge Cheuvront pretty well indicated that in his opinion on the case I had there. This is not appropriate responsibility to be giving the Accountability Commission, to second-guess what every bill, what every ballot question, what is right or wrong in every campaign. I urge you not to pull off the amendment. I urge you not to go that course because it will be used, it can be used, it shall be used by one individual or another, by one party or another to destroy and eliminate legitimate debate and discussion on issues in the future. it will be used as a campaign device and a device to destroy candidates or help a candidate who can't succeed on his own or her own merits rather than for any legitimate purposes.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins. I have Senator Landis on top, I don't know how he got there. Sorry. Senator Landis, you're next. I'm sorry, Senator Higgins. Senator Higgins is next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, thank you because when this first was announced as the agenda of the Chair I put my light on and I was surprised to hear that I was down in the speaking order. This comports, I think, with the way that...the speed with which my light went on. I'm going to support the Beutler amendment and I'm going to renew my objection that I made last week to the DeCamp amendment. Senator DeCamp has his own bill and one that bears his name, one that this Legislature has had a public hearing on, and as far as I'm concerned that is the appropriate vehicle for this discussion. I would just as soon not have an amendment about which I have an antithetical feeling creeping onto this bill. There is another factor here as far as the fate of my own bill, 548, and that is that the DeCamp amendment has fostered what