

does not go far enough. I had an amendment prepared last year that would take the law further but obviously, in light of what's happened politically this year, no such amendment is going to pass. But to say that the law does not go far enough does not state a reason for doing away with the law altogether.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have always supported this provision. I have always supported the Accountability Commission. I have always been in favor, as a practical matter, of encouraging all of us to stick to as close to the truth as possible. I think that this particular provision has been reasonably interpreted by the commission and that it has that effect and it has not been abused. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to respond to Senator Beutler's remarks. When he stood up he said that he knew he was being accused of doing certain things or making statements for political purposes. I want to remind the public or the body rather that last week Senator Chambers made some remarks about Khadafy, and Senator Beutler then circulated a letter asking members of the Legislature to sign it saying that they do not agree with Senator Chambers. You will recall I stood up, after Senator Beutler's letter, which said because there was no response on the floor and because of the news media's coverage of Chambers remarks he was circulating that letter. I call that a knee jerk reaction to the news media. I did not know there was any editorial regarding DeCamp's amendment until this morning when Senator Chambers mentioned it. So, again this morning, we find Senator Beutler introducing an amendment which again is a knee jerk reaction to the press. I recall reading in the press that Senator Beutler said, at one time, he was going to consider resigning his position before the election in order that he would not be accused of casting certain votes in order to get votes as Governor. He did not resign. I recall a Lincoln newspaper changing their editorial attitude, saying well, it is probably better that a freshman senator doesn't take his position now. The point I am trying to make is this, are we going to have letters circulated, are we going to have amendments presented to this floor every time a