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SENATOR LANDIS: I, personally, would. I would have to think that among the resources available to the Legislature is enough sufficient research and fiscal analysis to help. But, if it is not, we should do a good job. If that means deficit appropriation, I'll hereby commit to support that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Then we will proceed on the basis that we will use existing resources, if possible, but if the determination is made that a good job cannot be done in that time frame, we will hire somebody to do it and seek a deficit appropriation from the Legislature.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, then Senator Conway.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I believe we have divided the question between the first section and all other parts of the amendment so that there is only two decisions to make. I want to speak against, in that case, this part of the Scofield substitute amendment. I think it has three deleterious effects. First, it strikes language that Senator Carsten suggested to me last week which I think was quite good. "The Governor shall seek to secure a balance in the representation of divergent perspectives on the issue." I think that is a good piece of language, and it is not bad to continue that admonition to the Governor. We are responsible for our own six appointments. We can police the executive committee to see that they do exactly that. However, this is our admonition to the other half of the equation, the Governor, to have a fair balance. Partiality or impartiality is not the same guarantee. One can be impartial by not having a direct financial interest in something and, yet, still be wildly partisan on the matter. So, to point to the language "an impartial task force" is not a sufficient guarantee to me in Section 1. The language which is being struck by Senator Scofield, I think, is a very good admonition to give the Governor. Secondly, with respect to public hearings, remember we are on General File. What happens if, in fact, there does, at some point, come some findings, some recommendations and some compromise language? It would come