

PRESIDENT: Now we go on to the next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend LB 1. This is request amendment 8S, I believe copies have been distributed. (See Beutler amendment found on page 54 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think it is time to end this nonsense instead of going on and on with meaningless rhetoric. No one ever claimed that the original release did anything other than to release all legal liability. There is no argument. I don't know what we are arguing about. So if what is necessary is to go through the forms, then I submit to you the form. I have passed out to you a one paragraph amendment which, basically, says that the money appropriated, the \$8.5 million, is not going to be released from the trust fund until the release included in the settlement approved and issued by the district court has been executed. Is that what we want? We want it in statute? It doesn't make any bit of difference, but Senator DeCamp has indicated today on the floor, he indicated in the Referencing Committee meeting that he would be deliriously happy if we would just be sure that that release, approved by the district court, was the one that was going to be executed, that that would satisfy his objection. I don't see any point in arguing about something that means nothing. I submit the amendment and encourage you to vote for it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson, you asked to speak previously. Do you wish to speak at this time on the Beutler amendment?

SENATOR NELSON: No, not the Beutler amendment. I have a question on the interest so I probably had better wait then.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich. Excuse me, Senator Vard Johnson is next. We wrote you down on the other speaking list, but we will recognize you now, if you wish.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I suppose that whatever it is I speak to is always going to be the same issue, so I can use my little speech for any amendment that is offered, whether it be Senator DeCamp's amendment, or Senator Beutler's amendment, or Senator Haberman's amendment, or who knows what kind of amendments are going to come along the pike. I have enjoyed