

which they would know would be totally adversarial to that of their committee members but nonetheless I believe it's important that this recourse be available to the committee chairmen. And I can accept it either way. But I think, from this point forward, and I would be willing to try it the way Senator Coordsen has proposed and if it becomes unworkable, unmanageable or if some committee chairman happens to go off at large, then we can always come back and put the check rein on them. But I don't think that's going to happen. And, one more thing, as Senator Rod Johnson indicated yesterday when he had a little disagreement with his committee members, you know, the rule of consensus is fine but sometimes it just doesn't work and you have to get this thing moving at a certain time in the scheme of things and I think it's important that legislative intent be involved. I'm a little more concerned, in fact, I'm a lot more concerned about the legislative staff members, Senator Coordsen, being involved as much as they are. I can counteract any member of this body if I disagree with them but I have extreme difficulty counteracting an intent or legislative action or any kind of a statement that's been put together by a staff member, although I know we all rely upon them. Senator Beutler, I would be much more concerned about the staff members' participation than I would the legislative committee chairman. I don't think it's a bad bill to start with and, like we said so many times on this floor, when we have advanced some real trash we can always come back and fix it up next year. Most of the time we never do.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Landis, on the Beutler amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: Call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Yes, I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. We will now proceed to Senator Beutler to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the policy choice is quite clear and it's whether you want the