

30 votes, because it was for funding an existing program that exists at the time that the Governor made their budget...prior to the session. And for that reason in our Constitution they required 30 votes on Final Reading, and 30 votes to override the veto, if that would have occurred. We've never resolved the argument on the general budget about that, but there wasn't any particular necessity because it already requires 33, anyway, so the 30 vote requirement for expansion was null and void, because it simply didn't take effect. But I think at this point of reluctance to reduce...lessen the equal power of the Legislature over the executive, I would be hesitant to support Senator Beutler's position. But I do think, if it was to be done, it ought to apply both on those budget items as well as this area, and not just on this exemption side.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Ashford, did you wish to address the Beutler amendment? Senator Hall, the Beutler amendment. Senator Robinson, the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond, please.

SENATOR ROBINSON: First, are you for the constitutional amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Am I for the constitutional amendment?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I guess I would like to see what form it ends up in.

SENATOR ROBINSON: But just the way it is now, with the 30 votes and your amendment gets defeated, are you for it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm hesitant about the amendment.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You're hesitant about it. Okay. I was just thinking, I saw a...I couldn't help but chuckle a little when Senator Schmit was up there talking about that great 110 billion dollars in intangibles. And he looks back here, and boy, Rogers says, go get 'em. And you know this whole tax fiasco, I can't help but think about that Penn State game that we got ripped on.