

SENATOR BEUTLER: AM4408?

CLERK: Um-huh, yes, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Madam President, members of the Legislature, this particular amendment is a parallel, what I call a parallel amendment to the provisions that are in the bill right now on page 3 of the committee amendments, in Section 3. And in that particular section it prohibits, during a particular time period, as you are all aware, a principal, or a lobbyist, or anyone acting on behalf of either from making a contribution, or acting as an agent, or intermediary for contributions, or to arrange for making of contributions to the campaign funds of different candidates during a particular period of time, that is during the legislative session, and in some cases for a few days thereafter. What this amendment does is say on the other side of some prohibited transaction such as that, that no candidate can solicit or accept contributions during that same period of time and for the same political offices, so that, on the one hand, it's against the law under 944 to contribute or to arrange for a contribution in those circumstances. Under this amendment, it would be equally unlawful to accept or solicit such a contribution. That's all that the amendment does. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek, on the Beutler amendment. Senator Schimek, to speak to the Beutler amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President (sic), members of the body, I just want to clarify a few things. Senator Beutler, I didn't realize this one was up next, but this really is kind of the other side of the coin. I mean, what do you...what do you expect to accomplish with this?

SENATOR BEUTLER: If the transaction that you're aiming at with the material that's already in the bill is to stop that kind of contribution, then it seems to me that the most effective way to do that is to say that it's wrong to make that kind of contribution or to arrange for it, but it's equally wrong to solicit it or accept it. And so it seems to me that, for those of us here, we're just as much at fault if we take that, or