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put that amendment on your desk so that you can think about it and discuss it with whomever you need to discuss it with before we get to Select File. So, with that, I would simply urge your adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The issue before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 76. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The committee amendments are adopted. Is there any further discussion on LB 76? The Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Schimek, I'd like to ask just one question. I admit I've been a little slow in getting over this. I notice in the committee amendments, and now the bill, the Secretary of State may employ such personnel as necessary to efficiently carry out his or her powers. I assume that's the Secretary of State. Do you have any indication of how many personnel may be required to do this? Is there any discussion of the workload within the Secretary of State, seeing as how we've done now away with election boards, so the replacement idea here? Is there any discussion of that?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, quite honestly, Senator Wehrbein, there wasn't. I think many of these functions we're simply trying to codify and there are some that really should be their responsibility, the Secretary of State may have...may be carrying out already, if not, should be. I don't know that I think it will be a great increase in staff to do these. But in lieu of having a separate...a separate body to administer this, whether it's an election commissioner, or board, or whatever, we felt that it really should be put down in black and white what the Secretary of State needs to do. So, the answer to your question is, no, we didn't discuss that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If I may pursue that just a little more, thinking the idea was if it stays with the Secretary of State, which is fine with me, I...you don't also feel, within this