

possibility of some kind of delay pending a court...some kind of uncertainty for a period of time pending a court decision.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I think that it can be subject to declaratory action. I would think that a court decision, that a case would be filed and there would be a court decision forthwith on the matter, but, good, I just wanted to affirm exactly how this worked.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well and I'm glad you mentioned that action that could take place immediately...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...because I don't think that has been discussed at all yet, or maybe Senator Warner may have discussed it a while ago but I missed it if he did.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you. If you'd like to use the rest of my time, Senator, you're certainly welcome.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You have less than a minute. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, there's some things that I think we need to try to put in perspective and one of them is what are we trying to do to our citizens? Our citizens have told us what they want. I think they made it very clear and I think most of you heard from them. I think that's part of what we owe to them. Now I don't have any particular problem, when I look at the figures as Senator Beutler was talking about a minute ago, I should just probably jump all over this because it means they would have to have less signatures than what my LR 6CA originally said, but I don't. I'm trying to do what has been the way we've done business in this body and in this state for years and years, try to put it back where it was before it was tampered with by an amendment of Senator Hall's that he admits was "inadmittent" (phonetic) and also by the Supreme Court. Decisions have said let it be where it was. This is what we want. And I disagree with Senator Beutler in the fact that if we vote for it that way, that we're going to have nothing. If we put it in the constitution the way that it was, the way that the Secretary of State interpreted it for all these years, we certainly still have something and we