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that someone is looking at it. It's much better to look at it now than to wait till we have a problem in our next election. I would suggest to you that we could expand this task force. We could include a lot of politically correct things to put into it, but, quite frankly, the bottom line is we need people who have looked, who have run our elections to sit down and take a careful examination and then report back to us what we really have, and before we even have any knee-jerk reactions or before we move on to other areas that we think need to be addressed, I think it's wise to use this study and put all those into one format and get a uniform report so we can look at the results at one time. Mr. President, I'd be happy to answer any questions. I appreciate the Government Committee's time and patience that they took with this bill and that they put it out early. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Before we discuss advancement of LB 67, Mr. Clerk, for announcements.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. General Affairs will meet at eleven o'clock under the north balcony; that's General Affairs at eleven o'clock, north balcony.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We're now discussing the advancement of LB 67 to E & R Initial. Senator Schimek, on the advancement.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in support of the advancement of the bill and I must say I think it is the...absolutely the right way to go to have a thorough examination. We could nitpick the statutes to death and you could have hundreds of election bills in here, but I really do think that this is a good approach. As Senator Kristensen mentioned, not only is it an examination happening at the NCSL level but, as some of you know, I'm going to chair the Midwest Legislative Conference next year and I've asked that we have a special task force set up to deal with these same kinds of questions. So I think we're going to...I think the Secretaries of State also will be thoroughly examining. So we'll have a lot of different groups with tie-ins to different groups that will...will sort of have a network working on this