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voters. If the Legislature intended election day to include the period absentee ballots are accepted, then the statute needs to say that. And I certainly agree that we should make sure that people are not confused. With that, thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Schimek, did you wish to use the rest of your time? Thank you. On with discussion then, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments, Senator Smith, followed by Senator Pederson.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I think this is one of those bills where I like the committee amendments better than the actual bill itself. I'm struggling to find a good reason to support the green copy of LB 940. I think the subsequent amendments certainly have merit and are worth pursuing. But I hope that the body or certainly the advocates for LB 940 can express the reasons why we need this bill, because I think it is unnecessary. And in my almost eight years in the Legislature, I know we've tried to cut back on boards and commissions and new boards and commissions, get rid of old boards and commissions that no longer serve a useful purpose perhaps or have outlived their usefulness, whatever the case might be. But to take a current practice and tweak it in a very minor way and put it in statute I don't find to be necessary at this point. And this just came onto my radar screen this morning, actually moments ago, so I'm trying to work through this. But I just cannot see where LB 940 is that necessary. And realizing that NCSL might have a...the National Conference of State Legislatures might have a recommendation, that doesn't equate to certainly my support of this concept of codifying current practice in statute where we might need some flexibility. I'm not sure. But to me it's just another commission, another board that requires more expenses and probably more bureaucracy down the line. So I'll sit back and listen for a while and perhaps file an amendment or two as well. But I hope that we can maybe adopt the committee amendments without the green copy and move forward. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Don