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that is what I have been led to believe. However, now we are going to say that the Attorney General who runs statewide and who oftentimes is in agreement with the executive because of close party affiliations will now make the determination how we are going to couch the language on the proposal to be placed before the people and I think what we are doing here is we are going to give up our responsibility and place it before the Attorney General. Now if there is a question on how the language should be phrased, I am certain this body and the research arm would go to the Attorney General and say, how do you think this is best phrased? I am not willing to give up this right that we have. I think it belongs to us. It is a part of our power. We are the legislative branch. We propose constitutional amendments. The Attorney General does not. He might advise us in terms of how we should put it but I don't believe this body wants to give this up to the Attorney General. I think we should maintain this privilege. It is ours. We put the constitutional amendments and we are people here who put intent into it by our debate and discussion. Therefore, from our debate and our discussion the research department should phrase it according to what they believe our debate to be, the intent of placing it to the people. As you know, when you put a vote to the people there are ways in which you can phrase it politically or for some other reason that would be misleading to the public when they vote on the amendment and I believe we should keep it where it is, right here with this body, the Executive Board of the Legislature because they are the people we elect to take care of our business in our absence and when we are here. So, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, what I am proposing to do is to reinsert the stricken language and to strike the Attorney General because I think we are giving away what is rightfully ours and we are a sovereign body constitutionally and I don't think we should ever give away a power which we rightfully deserve and should maintain. I ask you to support this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I certainly support the amendment offered by Senator Koch. There is no reason to believe that the Attorney General can do a better job than the Legislature in regard to writing these ballot proposals and I see no reason to, as Senator Koch has so eloquently stated, no reason to relinquish that power, that duty and that authority. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.