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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Just to clarify, since the amendment I think has already been opened on, is this a basic review, Madam Chair, of the amendment or is this my first time to speaking?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Which one?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: I am sorry, repeat your question. I thought you asked if this was the first time you were speaking.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, I am asking if this...if you are allowing me a brief review of what the amendment was, since I've already opened, or if this is my first time...will count on my three times of speaking.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: You may, in your first time of speaking give a brief summary.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No. See, I have not punched my light yet, so if I am going to be recognized prior to punching my light, I am assuming I am giving a brief review of what the amendment does, and it does count of my three times.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator, this would count as one of your three times.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Then I waive off since my light, it is impossible for me to be recognized without having my light punched.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen, your light is next.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the Legislature. I guess since Senator Bernard-Stevens doesn't want to open on his amendment, I will do that for him. I am not sure, Madam President, exactly how that is going to work. Senator Bernard-Stevens, if I read your amendment correctly, that what you are attempting to do is basically allow the system, as we have it today with the Electoral College and the selection of our electors, to continue until the year 2006, and it is my understanding in reading of your amendment that that would sort of try to be a sunset, if you will, let it work until