

we're going to be debating the issue, so I'll pass at this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I'm rising to ask a few questions of Senator Kristensen and they're more procedural than they are substantive because I wonder what the implications are of what we're doing here this morning. Senator Kristensen, first of all, as I understand it from having a brief conversation with you, the language that is before us in the committee amendment, and you may have said this already, but I want to make sure. The language that is before us is language that basically has been submitted to all the states? Is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator Schimek, of all the states that are...and I've got a scorecard. Shut me off when you don't want me to take too much of your time...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...but you've basically got 12 states that have passed this in both houses and it's part of their process. You've got 10 additional states that have passed it in one Chamber. It has been introduced in another 23 and you have three states that haven't convened yet. So you've basically got all 50 states are going to be doing this.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But we're talking about the language in the white copy...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...has been introduced.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Why did it change from the green copy? Have you already talked about that or are going to do that when you open?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I was but it's probably as good a time as any right now. The changes that the committee amendments propose which we're considering right now has two fundamental changes. One is that they increase the number of