

it, I think the process comes out poorly and may even be largely destroyed unless we can differentiate between paid signature gatherers and volunteers. And one thing I wanted to be sure that I had clear, we've been throwing these numbers around a lot, but I want to be sure...my bottom line here was however this worked out, I did not want to increase the number of signatures necessary for volunteer campaigns and as I understand it and, Senator Schimek, tell me...affirm for me that this is the way it is, if you would. Under current law before the courts start fooling around with current law under the statute that existed originally, it was stated in terms of those who voted for Governor and it was 10 percent for a constitutional amendment, 7 percent for statutory and 5 percent for a referendum. Is that correct? Okay. Ten...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: All right, so that's what we started with and for many of us that's what we pledged to go back to. Now if we adopt the committee amendment, then essentially what we're doing with respect to paid volunteer, or excuse me, real volunteers, with regard to volunteer campaigns, what we're doing is dropping 10 percent to 6 percent, 7 percent to 4 percent and 5 percent to 3 percent. We're making it easier for volunteer campaigns if the committee amendment is adopted. Isn't that crystal clear?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and in the event that the committee amendment fails because the courts knock it out, then the substitute provision that would go into effect would restore exactly the volunteer campaign to the same status it had in current law before the courts knocked out current law. In other words it would go back to 10, 7, 5. Is that not correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct, correct, that is correct. I had to think that through a minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so...right, so any way you look at it, the volunteer campaigns are either better off or at least as well off under the committee amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And the only thing they suffer is the