

have the amendment redrafted to coincide. But if you will look at the chart that I passed out that shows the current numbers in LR 22CA, paid and volunteer, and then LR CA committee amendment, then there's another category there called LR 6CA, Schimek amendment, AM0784 and this is the way the amendment will be drafted. And there are two different ways that we can approach this. LR 22CA was incorporated into 6CA and if you'll look up above and see what those numbers were, for a constitutional amendment it was 110,000 and for volunteer it would effectively be 55,000 signatures needed. Well the committee amendment changed the base on which we would figure the number of signatures needed, changed it from registered voters to the people who actually voted in the last gubernatorial election and so the effect of 6CA, if you'll look down below, was that it only takes 68,812 for a constitutional amendment on a paid drive and only 34,441 on a volunteer drive. What the amendment does is raise the percentage so that the figures more closely reflect what the original 22CA said. Now there's another way of doing that and I chose not to do that, but that would be the option I would offer you if this amendment would fail, and that is to change the base back to registered voters and then there wouldn't be any problem. But what I've tried to do is find numbers that as closely match this as possible and still remain an even percentage. So I would highly recommend and encourage that you adopt this. One other thing that I might mention and it came out in my discussion with Senator Dierks a little while ago, but under the new amendment, for a constitutional amendment on a volunteer drive it would take 55,000 signatures. In the time since Dugan the effect has been that volunteers would have to get 57,000 signatures. So this is closely paralleled to what it is now for volunteer circulators. In fact, it's almost a couple of thousand less. I haven't figured exactly, but it is less than what is currently, what is currently established under present law. So with that I'd be happy to try to answer any questions and I would ask that we substitute the amendment coming down from bill drafters which has these exact percentages in it that you see listed here on this chart. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Any discussion on the Schimek amendment? Senator Schimek, there is none, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I guess I'm kind of at a loss for words here. Mr. President, may I ask, as long as we have the intent of the amendment in front of us, do we have to have the actual correct