

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Senator Schimek, I'd just like to ask you a couple of questions if I might.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schimek, will you respond.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: We went over these figures the other day and I think I pretty well understand what you're trying to do and I guess I only have one real question and that is, apparently you are of the opinion that what you're doing in this bill is constitutional?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I feel that there are really good arguments can be made for the constitutionality of this.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Since neither one of us are lawyers I wouldn't...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...happen to share that view and I think probably a court is going to be the ultimate decision.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct.

SENATOR VRTISKA: And it is my understanding probably that a court suit will be filed probably as soon as this is passed in order to make that determination which I think is good if we can get this cleared up. My only concern is, and I'm sure it's yours too that if we can get this cleared up as quickly as we can, then the people who would be going about the petition, spreading petitions or gathering petitions certainly are entitled to be able to know what they are supposed to do and would give them a clear picture and I think that's important from us as lawmakers to make sure that the people's rights are understood and they're not out in that fuzzy land where they don't know exactly what is happening. So I guess I would hope that, and probably somebody will take the issue and try to get it resolved and when that's done then we'll certainly know exactly what people have to do if they want to go out and