

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Schimek amendment to LB 337. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Schimek amendment is adopted. The next amendment.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend. Senator, I have AM0928 in front of me.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, you've had passed out to you AM0931. (Journal shows it as AM0939 on page 1070) which basically is a set of procedural type of amendments that I offer as a friendly amendment. There are one, two, three, four, five suggestions here. The first suggestion, if you want to follow on page 10 of the bill in the section where it says the Secretary of State shall write the arguments for and against each measure and it says that each argument shall consist of no more than 250 words. And I assume that that limitation was applicable to the pro arguments taken as a whole and the con arguments taken as a whole and so I just set the language to read "and each set of amendments shall consist of no more than 250 words" to make that clear, so that is a clarifying amendment. Down under subsection 3, on lines 12 and 13, it says that the Secretary of State shall distribute the pamphlets to election commissioners and county clerks. I thought that it might be helpful to be sure that they got those out in somewhat of a timely fashion and so the language that was added indicates that he shall distribute those to the election commissioner and county clerks at least six weeks prior to the election. Then the next section says that the election commissioner and county clerks shall make the pamphlets available. I added the word "immediately" available to indicate to them that they should do it forthwith and right away, and they are obliged to make it available in their offices and in other public locations which will facilitate distribution to the public. I thought perhaps there might be some confusion in their minds as to both where and how many places they ought to