

distribute these pamphlets and so to relieve at least part of that stress I suggested that we say that they should be distributed in at least three other public locations in their areas. And finally, Section 8 on that same page provides for the Secretary of State holding a public hearing in each congressional district for the purposes of allowing public comment. I thought that it would make some sense as we deal with most other...all of these types of public hearings that they ought to be noticed and so I provided for a publication of a notice and that notice to take place not less than five days prior to the meeting and then suggested that the hearings shall be held no more than eight weeks prior to the election so that the hearings take place at least in that period of time when people are beginning to listen to campaign, the campaign arguments. That's all the amendments do. The last one I changed to, was interlined to meet Senator Schimek's view of what would be an appropriate time period. I hope they meet with your approval.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to speak to the Beutler amendment?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Beutler, I just missed a portion, you were talking about the 250 words. I think you said you fine-tuned that and I missed what you were doing on that portion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In line 8, Senator...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It's your amendment, Chris.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In line 8, after the word "each" I have inserted the word set of and added, made arguments plural, so that reads the Secretary of State shall write the arguments for and against each measure and each set of arguments shall consist of.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So they...I'm sorry, I'm slow this morning, Chris. That just means there would be no limit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, that means that the totality of the pro arguments would be in a 250 word grouping and the totality of the con arguments are in that size grouping which I thought what