

was intended. Perhaps I'm wrong.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, and I concur with that. I just wanted to philosophically also ask you a question, one that I had when we were talking about this bill in committee and that's when you set...I understand why we set parameters of 250, we have to keep it down to some point, but would there ever be a time where an issue would be so complex and/or so all inclusive of various topics that we would need to have more than 250 words to adequately explain it and do you think we need to philosophically just leave it open so that we have a rational, reasonable explanation regardless of what...how many words it takes? I'm reminded of an essay that we all had to write in school where the teacher would say, okay, you have a 500 word essay and a 250 word essay. Well, most of the students would say, gee, I have 250 words, but those of us that have the gift of gab would say, gee only 250, and you have to cut it down some as you know. Is there really a rationale for the 250 or should we leave it open-ended as far as philosophically, where would you come from on that line of thinking?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, I guess I have some mixed feelings, but probably bottom line in the end, I would be content to leave it to the Secretary of State to include those arguments that he thinks are rational and, hopefully, I mean you're going to be relying on the Secretary of State in any event in this case to...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Which...with our current Secretary of State bothers me somewhat as you know, but think of in the future of Secretary of States, we might still be well served by 250 is that what you're saying?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I can see some limitations on the discretion of a Secretary of State because of the fact that you don't...you may get a bad apple in future years.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. All right, thank you, Senator Beutler.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I think that Senator Beutler has fine-tuned this bill and I think