

things. Why should we get it wrong in the first place? What's the big hurry? Why not take a careful look at an initiative that's been proposed and see if it really makes sense? And finally, let me remind you that not all initiatives come from situations where we in the Legislature have had an opportunity to look at something. I mean some of them come out of the blue. Term limits, for example, I don't recall that there were any bills around dealing with term limits, but all of a sudden a group from back east some place puts in a bunch of money and there is an initiative on term limits. Well, I'm not altogether sure if the public had had a choice whether they would have applied term limits to us as well as to the federal people. I think they're most upset with the federal government and what's going on at the federal level. What if they would have had a choice? Might we not have presented to them a more sensible alternative than what actually occurred? It seems to me that there are good arguments in favor of this and very few arguments as to why we should not take the time to do this and to give these a little more consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Kristensen wishes to announce that there are two special guests here today, his parents, Don and Mary Lou Kristensen are here visiting from Minden. They are under the north balcony. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome. Senator Schimek, to speak to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body, Senator Beutler, I need to ask you a few questions about this. First of all, would you yield to some questions?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: First of all, are you offering this, maybe this is not fair to ask, but are you offering this as a serious amendment or are you offering this for discussion purposes only?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'm offering it as a serious amendment because I think maybe we have a property tax question coming down the line and we ought to think about how we're going to handle that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, and this as I understand it from talking with Senator Robinson, was a bill before the Government Committee this year, so this has had a public hearing.