

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, it has.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. I have some questions just about what the amendment would do and I don't think I'm inclined to support this, but maybe after I've had a chance to find out the answers to some of my questions I might be. First of all, it says towards the bottom that the Executive Board must act within five days after the notification by the Secretary of State. Now we're talking probably July that this petition would, the signatures would be filed and declared valid and so on and so forth and so you're saying that the Executive Board has to be brought together within five days to deal with this issue. I guess the question I'm raising is, is that always possible? I know especially during the summertime with people on vacations and work schedules to accommodate that it may be possible but it may be very difficult to do so, so I would want to look at that particular section. Would you agree that maybe that might be a stumbling block?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'm not at all tied to the five days. Whatever is reasonable in light of what the Executive Board itself thinks and what you think it should be more than five days, I suggested a short period of time so as not to, so as to interfere with the process as little as possible, but certainly it may be sensible to make it a longer period of time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Let's start at the beginning of this process as outlined in the amendment. Once the petition is filed and approved, then the petition goes to the Executive Board and so it's already got the number of signatures it needs. Correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Um-hmm.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And if the Executive Board then decides to consider an alternative, then the one that the petition drive succeeded with and was going to put on the ballot would still be on the ballot?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Absolutely.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That was poor grammar, but you get my question.