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SENATOR SCHIMEK: All right, okay. Well let's...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Unless those bills get 40 votes to be put on sooner.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Let's say the time frame was different and, well, no, it's not different. Let's say that the signatures are all...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Dierks, your light is next followed by Senators Kristensen, Witek, Warner and Schimek.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I guess in a word, Senator Beutler, no. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler, I want to visit with you just briefly about, and I think Senator Schimek was just getting to those points, but in effect, you said in your opening that this particular amendment would make the bill unconstitutional absent a constitutional change. And I'm trying to struggle with the concept of how that would procedurally or structurally work because if people have a petition, in effect, they then have a right to put the measure on the ballot. The Legislature would then have an overriding right to delay voting on that, and I assume we'd have a constitutional wording that would allow this to occur, but it still has some conceptual basis here, that the Legislature would have the overriding right to delay that until the next election in some manner. Would that be correct?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, I think, Senator, there is language in the Constitution now which says that with respect to the submission of the measure that it shall be submitted at the first general election held not less than four months after such petition shall have been filed.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, and that's in Article III, Section 2