

Nobody said, came to me and said we need an alternative; when somebody proposes something on the petition I want to be able to have an alternative to vote for. So I hope people will vote against this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Schimek, your light is next followed by Senators Lynch, Warner, Wesely and Bromm.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Actually, Madam Chairman, the reason I turned my light on was to ask some follow-up questions of Senator Beutler and I believe that the discussion between Senator Kristensen and Senator Beutler clarified those answers that I was seeking and I just rise in opposition to the Beutler amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Lynch. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate does not cease. Senator Warner, your light is next.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, just briefly to speak to the amendment, which I could not vote for, but conceptually certainly the theory of an indirect initiative, which does occur in some states where once they're filed the Legislature has an opportunity to act, put it on the ballot, and if there's an alternative developed, they both go on the ballot. That's a concept that has some intrigue, I think, and some validity certainly. Iowa, as I understand, where they have initiative petitions they just simply lay it over for two years before they go on the ballot, to give an opportunity for public understanding. But I would have reservations to go with what is proposed here. It seemed to me that the Legislature as a whole would need to act, if anybody was going to act, number one, to get into the constitutional issue. But at this point I'd be opposed to attempt to do this, although in the past I've had a lot of interest in the possibility of an indirect initiative only because it might provide an opportunity to avoid some of the problems that we know have developed from...or potentially