

we found some common ground, and we found 38 votes to put it across on General File over to Select, and my only nervousness in this is that the whole thing will break apart, and so I am going to listen to the discussion, and I certainly commend Senator Bohlke for bringing it to us. I think it is a worthwhile discussion, but I think if we are going to talk about getting the numbers higher, then we are going to run into some problems, and maybe then we need to talk about percentages again. I don't know, but I will just listen and hope that we can...that we can have a good discussion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I am just still trying to digest for sure what is happening here. Of course, as you know, I was disappointed in what happened on General File when my piece of legislation was pretty well substituted for another piece of legislation, and I think that what we asked for originally was a fairly simple and a fairly reasonable request, but it was the body's decision, I assume, to make a change. There will be an amendment coming up a little later, I think, that will deal with it again, and I hope you can accept that amendment. It is one that Senator Beutler has and I've agreed that it is one that I could sure live with. I am not...I guess I need to ask...I guess I need to ask Senator Bohlke a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Bohlke, you have figures here for the 1992 presidential election. Do you have figures for the presidential elections from years prior to that?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Dierks, I don't, but I can tell you that the range in difference between a gubernatorial and a presidential election has been all the way from 17 percent to about 33 percent difference.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. Senator Wesely mentioned the fact that with the large number of memberships the NSEA has and the Farm Bureau that it wouldn't be difficult for them to get enough signatures to have an effect on the petition drives, and I suppose that is right. I guess that I wonder that that is not