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SPEAKER WITHEM: I will pass over that. Is there anybody authorized to carry the Beutler amendment? Seeing no one, we'll pass over that amendment.

CLERK: The next amendment, Mr. President, is by Senator Wesely, who I believe is excused as well.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Pass over that...is anybody authorized to carry the Wesely amendment? We'll pass over that. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Dierks would move to amend, Mr. President. (Dierks amendment, AM1099, appears on page 1361 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, do you have...is that amendment printed, Patrick?

CLERK: No, sir, it is not.

SENATOR DIERKS: Would you read it for me, please.

CLERK: (Read amendment.)

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks, on your amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. The amendment that I had drafted was one that I felt was necessary. Thank you, Patrick. Was one that I felt...

SPEAKER WITHEM: (Gavel.) Excuse me, Senator Dierks. There seems to be a lot of conversation going on. I don't know if people can hear the speaker. If we would give the speaker a little more attention, please. Not this Speaker, but Senator Dierks needs the attention.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to read that to you again. It goes, on page 5, line 13, and it says, passage of this amendment shall not eliminate the powers of initiative and referendum from this constitution. I do that as a