

constitutional, then you're left with what's in the constitution already. And I guess I'd like...

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, (inaudible)...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...I guess I'd like somebody else to respond to that, too. But I think that's...that's what generally occurs.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, let me ask you this, do you have an objection to this language going into the bill, into the amendment? Does the language hurt anything by being placed in the amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, no, I don't think so, except that it implies...it adds an implication that the amendment is trying to eliminate the powers of initiative and referendum. I guess I don't like the implication more than anything.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I guess maybe if it was implication that's upsetting that's unfortunate, but I think it's the intent that I'm concerned about, and I would just like to make sure that the intent...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...is clear.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But sometimes implication and intent can be confused. And this is going...this eventually will go on the ballot and people will have to make a decision on it. I think this language may be confusing to the public. I don't know, I don't have...I don't understand what you're trying to do and I empathize with what you're trying to do, but I'm not sure it belongs in...on ballot language. So, with that, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Dierks.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm not going to bludgeon Senator Dierks on this, but I have some comments I have to make with reference to it. However, preparatory to that I'd like to ask a question. Senator Dierks, who asked you to propose this amendment?