

meaning of the...of what we thought the meaning of the language was. So the Hall amendment does nothing but of course confuse the whole situation and I hope you will identify it as such and reject it. Senator Warner, as always, makes some very thoughtful arguments. In this particular case I do not agree with him. I do not think, for example, that the people themselves would reject the opportunity to make a distinction between paid circulators and nonpaid circulators. I just don't believe that. If somebody came in in the next two year, in the event that the Dierks amendment was adopted and somebody came in in the next two-year period to do away with the attempt to establish a two-tier system, and the argument before the public was whether paid circulators should be treated differently than unpaid circulators, there's no doubt in my mind but that the public would reject that. And I know there's been a lot of talk about how uninformed the public is but you know when you get down to bottom line on most of these initiatives and referendums, I disagreed terribly with the term limits one, but other than that, I really think the public has made the right decision in about every instance. So I don't have the lack of confidence, the degree of lack of confidence certainly that some people have. And I think that you can argue that even with respect to the term limits item that that to the extent that at least in my opinion, the public made a mistake on that item, it was because they lost confidence in us. And this very thing that is before us at this moment is another item that is going to cause a portion of them to lose confidence in us if we do not restore as quickly as possible the initiative alternative that the public had in the form that they had it. It's a stretch already in terms of making things right to attach to it the two-tier system, however that's a reasonable attachment in terms of recent developments and it's one that I think the public would not object to. But I think that they will accept it and work with with it and, in fact, support it if we structure things so that they can see that, yes, (1) we did return them the right but (2) we're making a suggestion to them that they themselves would approve and that is to make a distinction between paid and unpaid circulators. So again, Senator Hall, is a master of confusion and I would suggest that this particular amendment is a diversion tactic and that it ought to be rejected and that we ought to adopt Senator Dierks' amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek, on the Hall amendment.