

there is some problem with the amendment itself, that it does not address another portion of the committee amendment that dealt with the Secretary of State, I believe, or county clerk looking at...making sure the person was a registered voter for one month. So at this time I will pull my amendment and will replace it with an amendment that covers both sections of the bill, at a later time. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT ROBAK:** Thank you, Senator Witek. The question bef.... The amendment is withdrawn.

**CLERK:** Madam President, Senator Schimek would move to amend. Senator, AM1046 in front of me. (Schimek amendment may be found on page 1571 of the Legislative Journal.)

**PRESIDENT ROBAK:** The Chair recognizes Senator Schimek to open on her amendment.

**SENATOR SCHIMEK:** Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. This particular amendment is on Journal page 1571 and it concerns newspaper publications of proposed amendments. And one of the things, if you'll recall, that LB 337 does is provides for the Secretary of State to publish a pamphlet that gives the pros and cons of a petition issue. And as a result of that it was felt, by the task force which made this recommendation, that if you did this and disseminated information through these pamphlets, through the public libraries, the election commissioners offices, the post office, wherever, that we would not need to publish in newspapers three times, but we could reduce that to twice instead of three times, and save anywhere from \$60,000 to \$120,000 or so, depending upon the year. Because there is some question, I mean I think pretty good question about conflicting parts of the constitution on this issue, I'm asking us to go back to the three times publication on amendments initiated by the people. And the reason for this is that in Section 1, Article XVI of the constitution it says that the Legislature may propose amendments and that they must publish those one each week for three consecutive weeks. And then in Section 4, Article III, which provides for the initiative and referendum process, it says that language in this section...or provisions of this section are supplementary to the article regarding legislative amendments. So the upshot of it is that the courts possibly, maybe even probably would look at this and say, the constitution says you have to publish three times for initiatives of the Legislature,