

words, if you think the Legislature will do the same thing that the constitutional amendment is doing, why do we need it in the constitution?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, the reason I oppose taking it out of the constitution is it was placed in there by a vote of the citizens of the state. I believe for it to be removed it should happen the same way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But then you wouldn't have any opposition to it being removed if the citizens voted to take it out.

SENATOR DIERKS: Whatever the citizens vote that is their...that is their prerogative.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think, would you support an effort by the citizens to take it out? What I am trying to find out is, do you really support that language of this constitutional provision, or have you supported it staying in the constitution because of how it got there? In other words, you don't have any feeling one way or another about the language itself in the constitution?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I do...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...I do...I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you support it or are you opposed to it?

SENATOR DIERKS: I so support it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, do you think if it were taken out of the constitution the Legislature would be willing to put into law the same kind of provisions that exist in the constitution now?

SENATOR DIERKS: Do I think the Legislature would?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: I don't think so, because they had that opportunity a number of times and it didn't happen.