

SENATOR WILL: Senator Dierks, will you yield?

SENATOR DIERKS: Sure.

SENATOR HILLMAN: The intent of your bill and you tell me if I'm wrong here, Senator Dierks, I believe the intent of your bill is to more or less see that there is more enforcement of the constitutional amendment. Isn't that correct that you feel perhaps there has not been enough enforcement...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...and that you would like to see it...and the purpose of your bill is to try and see that the constitution is carried out or to give the Secretary of State some tools to be able to do that?

SENATOR DIERKS: Essentially that's right. This was done based on not my opinion but on the opinion of the hearings we had across the state, that there was a lack of reporting and that the reporting procedures set out in this legislation would take care of that.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I guess my point is with this dialogue is that you cannot enforce Initiative 300. We have not been able to do it in the past. I don't think we're going to be able to do it in the future simply because this is a constitutional amendment that's unenforceable. It is poorly written. You can't follow up on it. It has created, in my estimation, just a real facade when it comes to even having it in our constitution. I've heard a lot of debate from Senator Chambers and a lot of other people that talk about the purity of our constitution and what should go into it and what should not. And to me the largest transgression...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...is the one that refers to Initiative 300.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maurstad would move to amend Senator Beutler's amendment. (Read FA383 as it appears on