

gambling issue, but in the state of Florida, they sought petitions and for every petition, or every signature that they got on a petition, they received \$2.80. And I have a great concern that it might be possible to buy an election through this process. I have a friend of mine who lived in Chicago, and when he moved into Chicago, one of the first people at his door happened to be the ward chairman, and he says, I'm here to tell you how to vote. And he says, I will be here on election day and we will go to the...to the election and I will tell you how to vote. And this individual who I...was a friend of mine said, well, I think I know. And he says, well, no, I'm here to tell you who to vote for. And I really have concern, just as David Bernard-Stevens said about people going to door to door and saying, well you're going to receive something in the mail, this is how you check it. And we're not talking just about individuals that might run here, we are talking about those issues that come up, whether it'd be a bond issue, whether it'd be an issue for...to develop streets or schools, or no matter what that is, that a certain group, a certain special interest group, might be possible to really influence the decision of its members. And so I would not like to see the amendment of Senator Schimek's pass. And maybe Senator Warner is right, maybe the figure even needs to be less than a 3,000...or the 5,000. And I would certainly be happy to take a look at that or even the 5,000 figure, to see how that works before we ever expand it beyond that because I really have great concern about this. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me just explore a couple more things, again, just with a view to trying to flush out of my own mind what some of the pros and cons of this are, Senator Cudaback. It's true right now that under the bill, the city council or whoever was operating the election would choose which method to use. And the reason I want to clarify that is because I have mixed feelings in my own mind. On the one hand it's nice to let them choose. On the other hand, depending on the nature of the issue and the view of the city council towards the particular issue, that may come into play, may it not, in terms of whether they choose one method or the other, depending on whether they want more voters or fewer voters? Is that a possibility? Yeah, I'd just ask you to comment on it.