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SENATOR CUDABACK: Currently, Senator Vrtiska, you can get a list of the absentee ballots, contrary to what Senator Bernard-Stevens says. You can get a list, Secretary of State Scott Moore says so. But you can go get a list, anybody can get a list of those absentee ballots.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So that just doesn't...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Chambers, you're next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, having told Senator Cudaback that if the amendment offered by Senator Schimek were adopted I would support the bill, I really mean that. Therefore, I'm strongly opposed to the kill motion. When an idea like this comes forth we know, or I think most of us who are taking it seriously know, that there will have to be some adjustments made, some modifications in the language of the green copy of the bill. The first step to take, and the first hurdle to be overcome is to obtain acceptance of the idea as a valid one for us to work on. Now we are starting to put the bill into the form that will express the idea statutorily, and express it in a way that at least 25 of us will support. Senator Beutler and I have been discussing various aspects of the bill, and he's going to offer some amendments, if he can get them drafted to his satisfaction, and there are some that I would offer. Mine would be in the nature of tinkering, if you want to call it that, because they would not make radical or drastic changes, even in the wording of the bill. But to give an example, and I have this one up on the desk, not all political subdivisions take action by way of resolution. Cities and villages would act by ordinance, so a comment would be added after subdivision, political subdivision, that would say, "or by ordinance in the case of a city or a village", things that now we need to do that are in the nature of house cleaning, housekeeping, to clean the language up and make sure that we are expressing these ideas in the appropriate language. I'm also wondering if, in order to avoid the feeling some people may have that a political subdivision would be arbitrary and have a