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SENATOR VRTISKA: That seemed rather strange because I've seen mail-in ballots for absentee and, in fact, I've seen them placed in separate envelopes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But, I think this is calling for an envelope inside of an envelope?

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's correct. In fact, our county does that. They have an envelope that goes inside of the envelope and then your vote is put in there and then it's taken out and put in a place and then torn up afterwards because that way nobody knows who the person was and how they voted and I think it's only for the secrecy, as I understand it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right. And I'm sorry I even belabored the point because I don't think there's anything wrong with this amendment here.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I just wanted to point out that I'm not sure that it's absolutely necessary but I also am aware of the clock up there.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yeah, I guess the only thing I thought was that it does make the bill better because where you have a small amount of people that are voting in some of these special elections, somebody could very easily tell, if they wanted to, how everybody voted and I think that destroys the real purpose of an election. So, I guess I would support Senator Beutler's amendment on that basis. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler. Close. Question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record. Record, Mr. Clerk. Okay, then, okay. I just thought it was Senator Kristensen's fault.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Beutler amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything else?