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office for members of the United States House of Representatives from two years to four years, with one-half of the members' terms expiring every two years. Resolution was introduced on January...in January; referred to the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee for public hearing. Resolution was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the resolution at this time, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before I recognize Senator Schimek, I'm going to remind the members once more to keep your conversations on the floor down so we may hear the speaker. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on your resolution.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. This is an issue that I think is a very important issue, but, as most of you know, this is a resolution only. It is a petition to Congress. The only way that a constitutional amendment can be introduced to the American people is through a two-thirds vote of both Houses of Congress, or of constitutional conventions meeting and two-thirds...or meeting and then two-thirds of the states forwarding a resolution to Congress. This is an issue that I have thought about for a long time. I have been involved in the political process for a number of years and I know how difficult it is for candidates to raise money, how difficult it is in terms of time away from their families, how difficult it is in this day and age in terms of the privacy that candidates may or may not have, and I just...I just find it...that it's more and more difficult to encourage good people to run for office. We are fortunate here in the body that we have elections once every four years and, believe me, it goes fast. You...for those of you who haven't been here, it goes faster than you can know. So this is an issue that I've thought about. I thought, well, maybe when I get out of the Legislature it's an issue that I'll work on. I'll get...encourage other states to pass like resolutions, and then one day I said to myself, why would I wait? When you have the elective office and the bully pulpit and you have the contact with other states and other Legislatures, why not work on it now? This is an issue that will take a lot of work and I don't expect to see anything happen on it immediately. The issue is whether the House of Representatives' terms would be increased