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committee amendment struck language referring to primary election since that is not found anywhere else in the constitution in connection with what we're dealing with here. So there is no need for us to put this type of language in the constitution which would better be argued when we're considering a statute. What we offer is going to go to the public. The simpler it is, the better. The less likelihood that somebody might see a secret agenda, the better. So, without making any reference to political party in the statute, it will be very easy to explain to the public what it is that this proposal to the constitution would do. If you have any questions, I will answer them.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Schimek, you are next in the speaking order. Do you wish to speak to Senator Chambers' amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I don't want...I don't want to leave a incorrect impression standing in the record, and we have located language in Article IV on the executive branch which says, and it follows the language here, that they shall be elected for a term of four years and until they're successor shall be elected and qualified, it's talking about all of those executive committee or executive officers, it says, "In the general election one vote shall be cast jointly for the candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor nominated by the same party." So I stand corrected, and they are...it is in the constitution and it does say by the same party. So I guess, in light of that, Senator Chambers, I probably wouldn't be supportive of your motion which would change the meaning that is in the statute right now...or in the constitution right now. And I'm sorry that I couldn't locate that earlier.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Crosby, you are next in the speaking order. Do you wish to speak to Senator Chambers' amendment?

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Schrock, I'll have to tell you very up front, I'm going to vote against this bill. I don't like the idea and I will vote against the amendment. And, Senator Chambers, I see