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SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Bromm, would you agree with me, and if you want to answer that's fine, would you agree with me that over the past few primaries we've had people who have tried to buy the Lieutenant Governor position? It's caused some shenanigans. And would you agree with me that it would be a good policy for this state to change so that that person, who is Lieutenant Governor candidate on the ballot in the fall, would be someone selected by the Governor candidate who wins the primary of their party?

SENATOR BROMM: Well, Senator Schrock, I would agree with you there's been a lot of money spent on some campaigns including Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and I don't know that...I don't...I don't know that there's anything we can do that's going to change that entirely. But I'm interested in your proposal. Please don't misunderstand me that I'm totally opposed to it. But I think it needs plenty of airing out and I think that the question of whether that person could pick anybody or whether they have to be of the same political party is a viable question that needs more study. That's...that's my view.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Bromm, if you will, then I think we're on the same wavelength and I think we can address that statutorily next year and I think it should be, if this passes. I don't know what the outcome of that will be, but I'm willing to accept the majority vote of the legislative body at that time. So I think let's get on with the business of passing this constitutional amendment. You may believe that Senator Chambers made the constitutional amendment better; you may agree it made it worse, but it's certainly, I think, incumbent upon us to pass it because, either way, that issue of whether the Lieutenant Governor should be from the same political party can be addressed statutorily. And if it's in the constitution and we make a decision statutorily to do it one way, we, on the floor of the Legislature, at some later date can change that. So if...if you agree with me that we should move on with the constitutional amendment, and we can address the details at a later date because we're not all going to agree on everything, and if we have a bill up next year to address this we're not all going to agree on that. But I will...I will plead with you that