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it is worth our consideration and I hope that you will give it serious consideration. This is a reasoned measure. It gives people time to reflect. What if next time, and this happens, what if we had a U.S. Senate race, we had a Governor's race, we had a Lieutenant Governor's race, we have a Attorney General's race, we have a State Treasurer's race, we have a Secretary of State's race, we have Public Service Commission races, we have legislative races? This is not unusual and you have a lot of focus on a lot of important races and sometimes those constitutional amendments, especially if there's more than one or two of them on the ballot, sometimes they don't get the consideration that they deserve and some people really don't know what...what's in some of those constitutional amendments, particularly even some of the people circulating them. If you've read anything at all about the process in other states, and I particularly have two states in mind, one is Oregon and one is California, they have, over a period of time, had a serious erosion in their tax base, in California particularly, because of the huge numbers of constitutional amendments that have passed over the years. And...and I'm not saying that all of those are bad. I'm saying and what I would like to say is that they are considered separately, one at a time, outside of the context of the whole budget and the whole amount of resources of the state. There's little chance to do prioritizing. This is not an argument against a petition process, but it is an argument in favor of slowing the process down so that once...let's say that you do have an amendment on the ballot in the primary election and it passes, then you have some time to sit back and reflect how that affects the big picture. I think a little more time in the process is not harmful to our constitution. I think it's very helpful. And, finally, my parting thought is that Senator Warner truly believed in this issue and thought it would be a good approach to amending our constitution, and I don't think there was anybody that I've served with in this body, perhaps with...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...one exception, one or two exceptions, well, there's nobody in this body that comes close to him in the understanding of the constitution and the government of the state and the people in this state. And so I have to look at