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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Coordsen, members of the Legislature, I would like to speak in favor of Senator Kristensen's proposal, and I guess the first thing I'd like to point out is that it would not be a matter of the Legislature requiring two votes of the people. It would be a matter of the people requiring two votes of the people. Because in order to do this, in order to instigate this process, obviously, the people themselves have to say we want this added protection. And I know that conventional wisdom is that the people will reject this outright simply because they will see it as an additional burden to their prerogative, but I suggest to you that the public perception of the Legislature versus the initiative process in terms of the relative corruptness, if I can use that word, with which they view the two processes, has been changing dramatically, in my opinion, in the last few years. I think in times passed in terms of kind of rough scales, they always felt that the Legislature was more corruptible by money and special interest than this pure and pristine initiative process that was out there. But when the Supreme Court said you can have paid circulators, I don't think that registered immediately on people, but, as time passed and now with the culmination of Initiative 413 and the AT&T initiative, I think, at least people in my district, it's very clear to them that money is at least as influential in that process as it is in the legislative process. And I think you might be surprised at the public reaction to this proposal, especially since Senator Kristensen has framed it in such a way that the...that the legislative proposals for constitutional change are limited in the same way that initiative suggestions are limited. Some people sort of suggested that it takes too much time. How much time does it take to change the federal constitution? Anybody know? It varies, but it takes a long time. It takes a long time. And have we ever had a crisis that caused a particular problem? I don't think so. But, you know, that illustrates one of the problems with our constitution and why I think Senator Kristensen and others believe that it's become too loose a proposition. It's not a sacred document anymore because it's so easily changed. It's not like the federal constitution. And now we have things in our constitution with...which, whether you agree with it or not, involves such details that we bump up against it all the time and it becomes expensive to even try to