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SENATOR BEUTLER: No, we would have no obligation to react. It would be up to individual members of the Legislature to react, if they so chose.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So you're talking about just...

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's not the same...it's not the same as my bill.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...the chance to respond in some fashion, through debate, whatever, to the filing of a petition.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, in whatever way people thought was appropriate, yeah.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. (Visitors introduced.) On the Beutler amendment, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Senator Beutler, as I look at this, I can understand what you're getting at. One month, sometimes can make a lot of difference, if you have one month more time to answer to any...any types of petitions that may be out there. And I think there will probably be other things, too, certain candidates, so on and so forth, who could be filing. But this would be only on constitutional amendments, is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Only...all right. I'm trying to think of...of a downside to this, and I just can't...I can't see anything that you could...you know, would be in the negative to using nine months instead of eight months. And I'm anxious for someone to...to get up and say that, no, this is a bad idea, but I can't understand what it would be.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, if I could think of one, Senator, I wouldn't tell you.