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SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, if you...(laugh.) I understand that. No, I think if you...I think this is a good amendment. And I...I'm going to support that. I cannot for the life of me see any downside to this. So, with that, I give the rest of my time back to Senator Beutler, or the Chair, whoever would like to have it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank...Senator Beutler, you have about three and a half minutes. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Dierks, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR DIERKS: Take me step-by-step through the process, Senator Beutler. Where does the first month start and the last month end? What...how does it affect the time of the amount...the amount of time that the petitioner has to collect signatures?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, the...the bill in its present form makes effectively one change, and that's going from requiring that the...well, stating it another way, requiring that the petitions be filed at least four months ahead of the day of the election in order to be considered at that election. The bill itself right now increases that to eight months, so that right now, under this bill, you would have to file in March in order to get on the November ballot. Under my amendment you'd be required to file in February, one month difference. You can start, if I'm remembering correctly, and Senator Kristensen can correct me on this if I'm wrong, but, if I'm recalling right, you can start on this petition drive at the time of the previous general election. So you would still have more time, and I didn't bring my chart up of the various states. But even with either of these amendments, the green form of the bill or my...or with my amendment, in either case you would have more of an opportunity in terms of the time period for gathering