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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, I'm going to offer an amendment, I don't know how appropriate it will be, but I'm going to offer it for the purpose of discussing it and related issues, and it would be the one that I withdrew, which is that if the Secretary of State refuses to accept these petitions, whether it be an initiative petition or a referendum petition, the only thing the Secretary of State would declare is that the petition is legally insufficient and therefore not accepted. I don't want anything the Secretary of State to say...anything the Secretary of State says, I don't want anything the Secretary of State does to skew this process one way or the other. So, if the person who was circulating the petition were to say, I am disadvantaged because I don't know why the Secretary of State refused to accept the petition, that person really is not disadvantaged because he or she would challenge the decision in court anyway. When the proceedings, if they are, get underway in court, the court may allow the person to subpoena the Secretary of State to find out why he or she determined the petition to be insufficient, although the Secretary of State's opinion will not make any difference. It's almost, as I read the amendment that is being proposed, that the matter will start from ground zero and the court is to make an independent determination, not on the basis of what the Secretary of State may give as his or her opinion, but based on the criteria laid out in this amendment. So, if Senator Schimek's amendment is adopted, I want my amendment to be a part of it, where the Secretary of State does not say anything other than that the petition is legally insufficient. The court will then, if presented with the question, will go through these criteria. If it meets number one, it cannot be held insufficient for that purpose. If it meets the requirements of number two and right on down the list, and if it meets all of those criteria, then the court would say that the petition is legally sufficient, and it would be placed on the ballot or whatever else the bill requires to be done. So at this point I'm listening to the discussion, but I'm also preparing the amendment that I mentioned. And if Senator Schimek would like to comment on that, she has the opportunity to do so, because it's going to be the same one that I had offered earlier and then withdrawn. One reason I would have to resubmit it is so that I can get the page