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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I will try to respond to both Senator Quandahl and Senator Chambers. Senator Quandahl, I don't believe at the present time that there is any bond required if somebody...Madam President, I'm having a hard time hearing myself (laugh).

SENATOR CROSBY: (Gavel) Senators, please keep your conversations down so we may hear the person who is speaking.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Senator Quandahl, I don't believe that there is any provision right now in statute or anywhere else that requires a bond if somebody goes to court with an...in a challenge to a petition right now. And so I don't know that I think that that would be necessarily...necessary just because we moved this back in time and have an earlier starting point that you can do this. I would be willing to talk with you about it, but I'm not...I'm not sure that...that we really want to do that. I would also say that signatures can still be gathered while this is going on. So I'm not...you and I need to maybe talk about that a little bit more. I just...I'm not sold on the idea at this point in time. Senator Chambers, I think your amendment, as I understand it, and I may not understand it, I think your amendment would actually go further than my amendment is, and would actually get into that separation of powers argument again. The way that we fashioned this amendment is that the Secretary of State's job would really be ministerial in nature. And I'm willing to listen to you on this one, too. But, as I understand your amendment, I think that would be putting some of that discussion back into this bill which we had on Select File last year, which caused the bill to be bracketed. And, I think, even though I believe you could make some arguments against that separation of powers issue, and I did last year, I just don't want to fight that fight on this floor again, because I don't...I don't think it's absolutely, totally necessary to try to do something that we're doing here.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Any further discussion on the Schimek amendment? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, if Senator Schimek's amendment is voted on and adopted, I can still offer my