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the body. I did file this amendment some time ago because I did want people, like Senator Quandahl and Senator Chambers, to have an opportunity to see it before it actually came up on the floor again, because it was...it was an issue last year. And it happened to be at that time of day, when we discussed it, that a lot of folks were off of the floor, both times, on General and Select. So I'm happy to have this opportunity this morning to focus the whole body on the issue. And the main, the main purpose of AM2005, or 2-0-0-5, is to take care of that separation of powers question. We don't expand the Secretary of State's duties at all. We give him exactly the same powers and duties that he has now, and we simply give an earlier point, time in the process at which a court case can be initiated. And that point is at the point that there is a review of the petition language that we set up in statute several years ago. It also...it also addresses the idea of legal sufficiency and puts in statute what we'd like the courts to determine or decide when they're looking at the whole question of legal sufficiency, because there is nothing in statute guidelines at the present time. With that, I would simply urge the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Schimek amendment to LB 729. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Senators, we're voting on the Schimek amendment. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend. (FA284, Legislative Journal page 547.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. This is the amendment that I'm proposing. On page 2, line 21 of Senator Schimek's amendment which was just