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adopt it, then we can discuss the totality of Senator Schimek's offering with the amendment I'm providing attached.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The question before the body is, shall the Chambers' amendment to LB 729 be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Chambers' amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, there are no further lights on, did you wish to close on...excuse me, there was a light on. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I just wanted to take the opportunity again to express the opinion that our initiative and referendum process has been valid. And any time that there's been a problem with it, it seems to have stemmed from the Legislature and the desire to make some changes. I've not, for the most part, supported those changes. And one thing that did happen in here a few years ago we got a bill passed that did change the way that the signatures were taken and the way that...the amount needed. And that put a whole different light on it, made it a lot more...made it necessary for the people to get a larger number of signatures, and I think that helped to detract from the process, and that's probably a nice way to put it. I think it was unfortunate that that happened. Whoever did that, a former senator said it was inadvertent, and that's very likely. But, inadvertent or not, it detracts from the process. And I really think that we owe it to our constituents to not detract from the process, and I can't support any legislation that I think does that, so I won't support this piece of legislation. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Mr. Clerk.