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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to try to explain and lay out why the bill has been scheduled this morning and what procedures are necessary. Senator Stuhr would like to put this bill, excuse me, would like to put this constitutional change in the May primary ballot, which is a special election. To do that, there is time frames that we need to comply with. Last week I sent out a memo that talked about anybody who wanted to do that. Senator Stuhr took us up on that request. The requirement that I believe is there is that there must be...the constitutional amendment must be given to the Secretary of State by statute 60 days prior to the primary election. The primary election is on May the 9th. That means that this needs to be passed by March 9th, which is tomorrow. So we scheduled it today. Senator Stuhr to be successful needs 40 votes on final vote to get that onto the May primary. That's...that's one thing that needs to happen. The other is that if this morning she is successful and gets the May primary put onto that, this bill will be up tomorrow for final vote. There are two rules that, at least one and I believe two, that we would have to suspend tomorrow because constitutional amendments by constitution don't have to lay over a day, but by our rules, we treat a constitutional amendment like we do a bill and, certainly, bills do have to lay over a day. So procedurally if she is successful this morning, we will schedule the bill tomorrow. There would be a motion to suspend the rules. She is going to need 30 votes at that point in time, and then she will need 40 votes to put it onto the May primary. So there are some hoops here to jump. I'd be happy to explain that to anybody and would do so now. I wanted to take a minute to explain what we are doing and why. It is to give the opportunity, obviously, if people...if there is not 40 people who want to put it onto the May primary, you should probably speak up now and save us some time. With that, then, Mr. President, I'd yield back the time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Further debate, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, because of the nature of this amendment, it could easily be misunderstood by some of the voters who might picture it as