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fact that there would be two remaining years left of his term.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. I'm not quite sure how I feel about that. It's not a big issue with me, but it might be a big issue to Mr. McClurg. So we'll see what happens. I'll talk it over with a few people. And if I want to do anything, I'll try it on Select File. It's kind of changing the rules in the middle of the game. But I think that's probably what one of your goals is. And that's...maybe it isn't all bad. So, thank you, Senator Stuhr.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Stuhr, your light is next.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. This certainly is not a bill that is pertaining to any one person. It is something that we realize that we do have protocol for other vacancies as they occur, such as the Legislature. And we had that situation in this body, of an appointment being made this summer but then forcing that appointee then to run on the ballot and seek election at the November election. I just wanted to make a comment, particularly since we are talk about the amendment, that we did cap the signatures needed at 1,000. After looking at the large area that regents do represent, and there are eight districts in the state, there is a population of over 200,000 in each one of those districts. And just looking at a pure 10 percent would be very unmanageable as far as collecting names to be placed on that petition. And that's why we decided to cap it at the 1,000 signatures. And I did hand out a map yesterday, looking...that you could look at the size of some of those regent districts. And also requiring that we would only need 25 signatures from the...in two-fifths of the counties. So for instance, if there were ten counties, they would need signatures from four counties. So still trying to disperse the signatures from a number of counties. We did also, in the amendment, after speaking with the Secretary of State, feel that we should extend that 60 days to 75 days, giving that person a little bit more time. With that, I ask for your support of the committee amendments. Thank you.