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fall...or next session to deal with the bill?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, I...our intent is to deal with it this year. If we get it passed today, get it advanced to Select File, then we can discuss it more on Select File, and then get it advanced, and then decide when we want to do it, whether we want it in the primary or whether we want it in the general election next year.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And would you tell the body, for those of the members who are new, how many votes it takes to get it on a primary ballot?

SENATOR ENGEL: It takes 30 votes at Final Reading to get it on the primary ballot.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, it...I'm sorry, it takes 40 votes to get it on a primary ballot.

SENATOR ENGEL: Oh, does it? Oh, I'm sorry. I'm very sorry. I'm sorry. It takes 40 votes. So this is something we're all going to have to be behind...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...if we want it on the primary ballot, on the general. Yeah. So if we get it on the primary ballot, and I think that's very important that we do it in the primary, because that's when I think you have your most informed voters voting. So it...so if we're going to do this, we are going to have to have everybody here in...well, 40 of the 49 in favor of it. So that's why we're bringing this...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...to you today, so that you can...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And...

SENATOR ENGEL: ...show your support.