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SENATOR BEUTLER: Of course.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler, I have several questions. And I have to tell you up-front, I think this would be the absolute best way that we could deal with salaries in the Legislature. But I'm also a little skeptical whether we could really pull it off or not. What I would like for you to explain to me is what you were just talking about before you turned the time back over to Senator Engel about something on the spring ballot and the fall ballot, and I totally missed what you said there I think.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator, I'm throwing this out for the first time and I haven't talked to anybody about it, but that's what I would like to do, is, if the body sees fit to advance the bill to Select, is to put it off on Select for awhile and send a survey around to senators about a couple of questions, and I know you'll be interested. But as I understand the Rules of the Legislature, you can have more than one constitutional amendment in a CA so long as they're separate propositions. So it would seem to me that, as long as we're on the topic, that we might as well decide what we want to do for the spring ballot and what we want to do for the fall ballot if in fact we want to approach the question in one way or another on both. So that if you tried the technique of getting it out of the constitution, whether with just the compensation commission or with the combined compensation and ethics commission, if you wanted to try to get it out of the constitution in the spring and it failed, then in the fall maybe you could try a salary increase, which I think maybe you had a proposal on this year or last year, right?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, actually it's sitting in Executive Board right now. I mean it's still being held by committee, and I had spoken with the Chairman not too many days ago asking that we consider taking that back out. And I'm really liking the scenario that you're discussing here because I do think it would be great if we could get it out of the Legislature and out of the constitution and let some independent body do it. It would mean that we would probably never ever again have to go for 20