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charitable for the state of Nebraska. I won't buy it, and I hope my colleagues won't either. I was asked this morning about the four-part petition, and how various parts of this petition, some are constitutional, some are statutory. And one part of that constitution (sic) says that anything we might do as a Legislature would be unconstitutional, relating to their scenario that they point out in their constitutional amendment. So what I want to say is that some of these petition measures are so ridiculous and extreme, they will be much easier to defeat on the ballot than something we might place there, who I know that some of my colleagues have said, I want it just to keep that...keep those petitions away. Well, whatever we do...and I believe there's evidence, behind the glass and other places, that whatever we do as a body in advancing LR 14CA or LR 11CA to the ballot legislatively will not keep the greed and stinginess of the petitions off the ballot. One of them has already spent \$400,000. Are they just going to roll over because we put LR 14CA on the ballot? That I doubt. But I want to go back to the germaneness issue of FA1478. I...it is my hope that we will overrule the Chair, because the Schimek amendment presents more issues than my amendment, AM2670, that deals only with the renewable county vote, that a county can vote every five years. And to me, we can come up with something that is more direct. Senator Schimek's...in fact, Senator Schimek, would you yield for a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Schimek, to a question from Senator Smith?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Schimek, on your amendment it says, amendments to AM2670. And in line 1 it says, "On page 2, line 22," it says, "strike 'eight' and insert 'five.'" Now, I don't find that on AM2670.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, you're right, Senator. And actually, the amendment itself was drawn to another amendment, and we filed it to your amendment instead. So...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.