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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Brown, Beutler, Combs, Janssen, and others.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do not intend to take a long time because we are, after all, on the motion to readvance to Final Reading, but I do have to say to Senator Smith the phrase "whether by initiative or by the Legislature" was taken off the amendment just because simply we don't want to fight about it. It wasn't that big of a deal, Senator Smith. We thought it was important to set up a scenario where the Legislature would be in charge once something was passed by the people on a ballot, if it were passed by the people, and we wanted to at least set up an opposing point of view in our own constitutional amendment. If that should get more votes, that would prevail. It wasn't we weren't scared of you or your...or your assertion that this was an attack on the initiative process. That wasn't it at all. We just decided it wasn't worth fighting about it and we took it off, and I just wanted to make that clear and make it a part of the record. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Combs and others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think I'll waive for the moment, Senator Cudaback. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the body, I just wanted to revisit and update what my district has been telling me in my meetings that I've had. I've had four separate breakfast briefings and the overwhelming majority of people do want to be able to vote on it. I'm very happy that this has come up again. I'm glad and grateful. And I am in favor of putting it up for a vote of the people. I'm not sure all the handouts that we have here, I'm still reading through