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if you adopt this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on AM0726, an amendment to AM0614 to LB 217. Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: I'd just like to...thank you, Mr. President and members. I'd just like to add I agree with Senator Beutler that this is the appropriate thing to do. We do want an incentive. We do want to provide these political subdivisions a carrot rather than a stick, but we have to take our responsibility very seriously when we consider a bill such as this. Five million doesn't build a Taj Mahal, and \$100,000 for a city the size of Norfolk doesn't do a whole bunch of good with regard to computers, but it's a good start. Nevertheless, this is a serious endeavor for any community or political subdivision, and I think 15 percent of the registered voters of the last election for Governor is appropriate. And I could imagine any bond counsel would want an affidavit, probably from the election commissioner of any county in the state that encompasses the district, to find out what number we're actually talking about before they would go forward with this. So I think...I think that's appropriate and I support your amendment, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. On with discussion. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I, too, would like to weigh in on the amendment, and I am going to support the amendment, Senator Beutler. I don't...I think it's perfectly reasonable. I was just having committee counsel look it up. I think that's the way the initiative process works in other respects, and so I don't think it's an unusual request that you're making. And I'm sorry, I haven't heard any of the discussion because I've been over on the side talking with someone else, but I do support it and I think it would be...I think it would probably be a good thing to do. So, with that, I have no further comments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wehrbein, on the Beutler amendment. Senator Wehrbein waives the