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basically. And then, as you can see, that person serves the remaining term and succeeding term. Secondly then, if a vacant (sic) occurs on or after the date of the statewide general election and prior to the end of the term of office, no special election will be called because there's not really time to call one. If the vacancy occurs at any other time, the Governor will order a special election to be held within 60 days after the vacancy occurs. Each recognized political party in the district in which the vacancy occurs may select a candidate. Such candidates will appear on the ballot with the appropriate political party designation. Any other person may have his name...his or her name placed on the ballot without a political party designation by filing a candidate filing form and paying a filing fee. The candidate receiving the most votes at such election will serve for the remainder of the vacated term. And that is it in a nutshell. I'd be happy to try to answer questions in case there's confusion or you'd like to ask something about a particular circumstance. With that, Mr. President, I would be happy to discuss the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, as Chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 682.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, and this simply is what I mentioned about a person who would be filing for the House of Representatives on or after August 1 in an even-numbered year. The amendment allows that person to have his name...his or her name placed on the ballot by filing petitions. It's as simple as that. So, with that, Mr. President, that concludes my remarks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on LB 682, along with the committee amendments. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Redfield.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've had a chance to read this bill. It made no sense to me. I had a chance to talk to Senator Schimek about it. It made a little more sense. And as time goes on and I take the time to really go through it step by step, I'm sure it will come clear.