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SENATOR SCHIMEK: That would be right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Then, by committee amendment, you added the petition process, but don't those have to be filed by September 1?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So the only one who would be on the ballot, if this happened after September 1, would be the Democrat.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's my understanding.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Laugh)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I mean...and realize why this is. It's because of ballot organization and printing and distribution and all those kinds of things which take time, I understand, to verify all the ballots, et cetera. I think that's why, anyway, Sena' or Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It just seems to me that when you have two major parties in a state that there ought to be some way that both get represented on that ballot, especially if it's going to extend not only for the end of the term but for the next two years. I don't know what the answer is, but somehow...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And I...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that seems inadequate to me.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I understand your question and I think it's a good question,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...especially in the day of technology and so forth, that we ought to be able to do better than that, maybe. But this is the way it fits in with our statutory scheme right now, as I understand it.