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corporal punishment ever used. And amazingly, no teacher ever found it necessary to use it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, there is a handout called the sportsmen amendment that was passed out to us. District 38. Is that Senator Schrock's district? Okay. One provision in here, it says...one sentence in here says, the sportsmen amendment is necessary primarily to protect these rights from petition initiatives forbidding hunting, fishing, or trapping. And Senator Schrock, I'm interested in how this amendment would do that. I mean, I basically see this amendment as taking rights away from the Legislature, not protecting against initiatives. Because as I understand an initiative, an initiative can be to wipe out this very amendment that you're putting in place, and to prohibit hunting or fishing. And that can be done as easily, with or without this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So why would the statement be made here that this is primarily to protect rights from petition initiatives? I would yield to Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, there is a higher standards for changing the statute...for the constitution...to change the constitution, for changing statute. And we also have the two subject matter. If they're going to change the constitution, it could very easily probably take two petitions instead of one. So we think it does add some protection.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You think it would take two initiative questions instead of one?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That could very easily be the case.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And so it's protecting against initiatives because it takes two separate questions instead of one, in your