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candidacy, you have to wonder if they are a viable candidate or whether, in fact, it just might create mischief in the election process. So what I am hoping that you will do is return the bill for the purpose of discussing the amendment. Senator Schimek very graciously said we'll talk about it. She didn't promise she would support it but she said it was a legitimate issue to discuss, and so I am setting it before you trying to endorse what, in fact, the committee has adopted and what we as a state have adopted in other vacancies. I believe consistency is important, and I would support that in any area of law, especially in elections. So I would ask for your vote to return the bill to Select for the purpose of amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. You've heard the opening on the motion to return. (Visitors introduced.) Open for discussion on the motion to return LB 682. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in response to the motion to return. I will support the motion to return. I did have this discussion with Senator Redfield on Select File and I think that she's worked hard on this amendment. She's right. I don't know that I'm going to support it. I don't know that I'm going to oppose it. I think I may just let the body decide what it wants to do on this. I don't think it'll...I don't think it really improves the bill, but I don't think it hurts it, either. It's one of those strange kinds of situations. So I will support the motion to return and let the body decide what it wants to do about the Redfield amendment. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, it's time for me to get mean, not on Senator Redfield's amendment, but this is a bill that deals with a political issue, an election or a way to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives. That is a partisan office. Sometimes the races for it become quite acrimonious. Senator Redfield mentioned the word fairness in connection with