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SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator, the committee put it together that the parties could designate. I didn't touch that portion of it. I'm not opposed to that, but I believe the question might be better addressed to Senator Schimek, who is Chair of the Government Committee, as to why they wanted the parties to designate a candidate.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Thank you, Senator Redfield. And if I could, I'd ask Senator Schimek a question.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Certainly.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator Schimek, the question was if...and I understand that the committee did not propose what Senator Redfield is proposing here...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...but did propose that a designee of a party be on the ballot without getting signatures on a petition. If we were going to move in the direction that Senator Redfield is proposing, would it be appropriate to say that the...that all the candidates, including those designated by the party, would be subject to the petition requirement?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, Senator, I...that's more or less the way it's done now, frankly, when there are vacancies. The...I can...and we talked about this a little bit in a previous discussion, that in the past this has happened, oh, when the political party itself finds the replacement on the ballot, if it's between the primary and the general. That's just for the ballot itself. That's...

SENATOR RAIKES: So when you say that's the way it's being done now, you mean it's not being done now with petitions. It's being done, that the party leadership just appoints someone.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: If there's a vacancy...let's say that two candidates have gone through the primary election, and for one