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possible to go on the primary ballot. And I would just ask that the body adopt it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You heard the opening on AM0899. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Schimek, there are no lights on. Senator Schimek waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of AM0899. All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Voting on adoption of the Schimek amendment, AM0899, which is an amendment to LR 12CA. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler, AM1702. (Legislative Journal pages 1725-1729.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on AM1702 to LR 12CA.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, what we've done so far I support. But I hope that's not all we want to do. And so I'm offering you a supplement to what is in the bill so far, not a replacement for what is in the bill so far. I have felt for a very long time that one of the great defects of the system that we have is the legislative pay, and that that defect really, I think it's clear to everybody, is not going to be resolved in any meaningful way until the matter of salaries is taken out of the constitution. And immediately, when one says that, everybody reacts, well, the people don't want to take it out of the constitution. They're never going to take it out of the constitution. But in most states in this Union, at one time or another, sooner or later, they've taken it out of the constitution if the Legislature as an institution will continually support and put before the people that which is the right thing to do. And I think that each and every one of you understand that the right thing to do is to get it out of the constitution. The way that most states have taken it out of