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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, your light is next if you wish to...did you wish to...Senator Beutler waives his opportunity. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on, so you're recognized to close on FA382.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone malfunction)...ask for a call of the house. And I know my time is running.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 19 ayes, 2 nays to go under call,
Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. The house is under call. All unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. You can close, Senator Chambers, if you wish to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And Mr. President, I'm aware, as I stated, that my time was running when you recognized me, because I'm not going to need a great amount of time, but I'm going to try to make it clear to those who are voting on this what it is that will be before them. The current language in the proposal has this phraseology, "and other governmental or political subdivisions," as a part of the list of entities which can take advantage of this should it become a part of the constitution and the Legislature pass authorizing legislation. My amendment would strike the two words "governmental or," and leave in place the words "political subdivisions." The word "governmental" is surplusage, it is redundant, because the term "political subdivisions" embraces any and every entity that would be a part of the government. It is governmental by definition. If you read cases related to election laws or any other aspect of the government where an entity other than the state itself is being considered, the term employed is "political subdivision." In discussing issues, the word