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at this stage, and I think that it puts a great burden on someone who may be serving in an office voluntarily, they may not be compensated in any way. It might be a small town, village, it might be a school board, it might be a number of elected offices in this state. And if in fact we are going to force people to have to make that choice, to defend their good name, of hiring an attorney and going to court, I think we're going to discourage people from running for offices in the state, because it's a very expensive joint...or, proposition at this point if they're forced to go to court. And that is the concern that I do have. Now, Senator Mines makes the argument, well, they could choose not to go to court and just file their paper and let it take its course. But in our public view, I think that many times people would say, well, if they thought they were innocent, they would have gone to court, and because they didn't go to court and exercise that choice, that they're admitting guilt. And so I am concerned about the outcome of this as proposed before us in this bill. I think Senator Mines' intent here is really to protect people from being recalled when in fact they have done their duty and they have not done anything wrong other than exercise a vote that someone didn't like. And I commend that purpose or that goal, but I think that what we have before us in fact creates a very complicated system for someone who might find themselves in that position, who might be very innocent of any wrongdoing whatsoever, but might be forced with a big legal bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator. (Visitors introduced.) Further discussion, Senator Loudon motion. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Schimek and others. Is Senator Chambers on the floor? I do not see him. We'll pass over him for the moment. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I stand, first of all, in support of the bill; secondly, in support of the Mines amendment; and thirdly, to talk about the amendment to the amendment. I've worked with Senator Mines pretty hard on this whole concept, and I have to confess that I suggested the court option, I think, in the first place, to Senator Mines. I'm well satisfied with the bill either way, whether you decide to adopt the Loudon amendment or not. I