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to support both amendments, and would urge you...it's a simple matter of choice on your part. And that way, we vote up or down on either one, and we move on. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Schimek, on the Louden amendment to the Mines amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to say, Senator Louden, the recall statutes have not always allowed a statement of defense. In fact, it was only about four years ago that this body passed that legislation which allowed that defense statement to go on the petitions. Before that, there was not any way for somebody to defend themselves, really. But having said that, I would like to engage Senator Beutler, if he's still on the floor, for just a minute.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, are you available? He's on his way, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler, I don't know if you were...if you concluded your discussion about the court process. I'd like to give you an opportunity to do that, or kind of find out what you're thinking at this point, if I might.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, what I was attempting to explore was where the court might enter the process anyway, regardless of what language we have in the bill. Senator Landis, I think, would not agree with this, but my question...it seems to me that if you put standards in the bill--malfeasance, nonfeasance, and whatever the other word is--that suddenly you have something that the court can act upon.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: If it would.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Pardon me?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: If it would.