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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would ask you the same question.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is it your intent, as Chair of the committee and with respect to the work that you've done on this bill, that the courts could and should be involved, in an appropriate situation, in interpreting what...whether there is in fact malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Senator Beutler. I was just thinking about the fact that we have standards in place for initiative and referendum, for instance. We have the one subject rule. We have the rule that you can't have a petition that's like the petition that was filed less than three years ago. And the courts do...are asked to intervene in those cases where somebody thinks those standards are violated. So I would guess the same thing would hold true here.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I hope we will adopt the Mines amendment and proceed to make that the operating bill. And I guess my argument would be that on balance it's a better set of standards than the one that is currently in place, which is essentially a nonstandard. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk, items for the record, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments: Senator Don Pederson, LB 746A; Senator Mines, LB 856. New A bill. (Read LB 965A by title for the first time.) Enrollment and Review reports LB 968A to Select File. A series of study resolutions: LR 347, Senator Price; LR 348, Senator Flood; LR 349, Senator Wehrbein; LR 350, LR 351, all Senator Wehrbein; LR 352, Senator Janssen; LR 353, Senator Janssen, LR 354.

Mr. President, your Committee on Revenue, chaired by Senator