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Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mine is very brief because it is really just a one-sentence statement which prohibits the Secretary of State becoming involved in political campaigns, except for his own, as the election commissioner in the state. It's common sense. There is no issue at all at this point, but it is looking futuristically and it was put in as a safeguard so that we don't have any conflicts in the future. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And I'd turn it back to Senator Schimek who I think wants to pass it on.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek, you did say Senator Engel?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, and thank you, Senator Schimek, for adding this onto your bill. I'll be very brief also. I introduced this bill at the request of the Secretary of State after a constituent of mine faced this problem during a heated school bond issue. And this constituent lives across the street from the county courthouse and was asked by the county clerk to remove her yard sign because absentee ballots were being accepted. This constituent felt the law was clear that she is prevented from posting yard signs on election day only. And she was not satisfied with the answer the statute has always...how it has always been interpreted this way. Because of this situation and many others that must arise each year, I believe the law needs to be clarified for people. The election process should never leave questions in the minds of