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that, it's just that in addition to Senator Schimek's bringing this forward, the same concept is brought forward by other groups, I think. It's one of those ideas that people have seen the wisdom of, not just inside the body, but outside. And I would urge members to support LR 32CA.

SENATOR BEUTLER: There are no further lights, Senator Schimek. Did you wish to close?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. I'd just like to thank Senator Withem for his explanation and say that when this whole idea was originally proposed about three years ago by the Petition Task Force, the main reason that we did it was we wanted to bring some clarification into some conflicting language in the constitution and make it absolutely clear to groups what the rules were. And we feared what would happen if they didn't know that, and then that there was a ruling that they had to divide the issues on the ballot. And that's exactly what happened last year. This, hopefully, would prevent a repeat of that. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The motion before the body is the advancement of LR 32CA advancing to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. Is there anybody else who wishes to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LR 32CA.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The bill advances. Next item of business, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 344. Introduced by Senator Withem and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14 of this year, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, to open.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes. Mr. President, members of the body. LB 344 is a proposed modification in a piece of legislation that