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it out. And I think both your responses are good, and I appreciate your willingness to make...to clear up the whole issue. I think that everybody can better understand.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: The other thing that I might add to that is if we were facing a special election or primary in 1996, and we were trying to do that this session, you know, late, then I think you're more open to, well, you're trying to hurry up and get something through, don't let people know, this certainly isn't the case. You're going to have the special election in '98, so you're...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...you're giving a good period of time, you're giving better than a year's notice, so it's not like you're trying to run these things through without people having a chance to look at them either.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. Again, I appreciate your answers, and I think they are certainly reflective, as I said earlier, that there's not an attempt to do that, and the things you said certainly attest to that. So, again, I thank both of you for your responses. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR COORDSFN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Could I ask a question of Senator Kristensen, please?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Kristensen, will you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Kristensen, I didn't get in on all the information when you presented the bill...the amendment. What are the number of votes that are needed to get this on the ballot?