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PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Hartnett to open on the bill.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman and members of the body, this deals with the dissolution of villages. The law has not been changed, and there's been about three of them this last past...last year that wanted to dissolve. The last time when this bill...section was amended was 1935. I think that's before Senator Chambers was even here, and before that, it was 1885. So...(laugh). But what it does, it simply updates some to allow obsolete provisions providing new authority for county boards to serve as overseers of the dissolution process, to ensure that all debts and obligations of dissolving villages are paid and the remaining property of the village is properly and usefully disposed of by sale or transfer. It...another section amends Section 17-215, eliminate the word "electors" and use...replace it with the proper term "registered voters". What...dissolution of a village requires a majority vote of registered voters of the village that vote on the question. The next section amends Section 17-216, which allows two methods that they can bring this question to the point. One is by a petition by the...by the registered voters, and the second one is by the change...establish the right of two-thirds of the members of the village board to place the matter of dissolution on the ballot followed by...following a public hearing. It makes it clear that the question of dissolution can be considered at a general election, primary election or a special election, and a special election must be held, if called, between 60 and 70 days after the date of the filing of the petition or the passage of a village board's resolution. If a petition is filed at any time other than 180 days prior to a general election...general or primary election, the petition does not call for a special election, the village board may request that a special election be called to consider it. Finally, it removes the language regarding the filing to be made with the Secretary of State. Another change is made in this is in Section 17-218, remove the automatic disincorporation deadline of the next January 1, and requires the county board, within 50 days of the date of election, to state when the dissolution is final. And it also states the terms of office of any elected or appointed officials and employees will end at that date. It amends Section 17-219 to make the county and not the road overseers, the custodian of