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this was a bill that was brought to us that concerns vacancies on boards, town...or, county boards of supervisors and commissioners. And it simply says that if a member is absent from five consecutive regular meetings of the county board and absences are not excused by a majority of that county board, the member may be removed from office after a notice and a hearing. The position will then be vacant. It actually seems pretty commonsense to me, that the county board would be allowed to do that. And the amendment also allows the county board of supervisors to hold meetings periodically as determined by the county board. So with that, Mr. President, that is the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on the committee amendment offered by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Senator Wehrbein, did you wish to address the committee amendment? You may.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes and no. Mr. President, members of the body, I support the amendment. But I'd like to ask Senator Baker a question on the main one, since we're short...we're going to be needing the time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you respond?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes I would.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: What if a county board member is elected and then refuses to move to the district, like we've some...had some experience in that in the state?

SENATOR BAKER: That...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: What is the lever going to be?

SENATOR BAKER: They would not be certified as being elected, and they'd have to, I assume, hold another...either another election, or have a person appointed to serve in that commissioner's district.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm not very comfortable with this, frankly,