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## AB 436

Madam Chairwoman, for the record, I am Don Gustavson representing Assembly District 30, Washoe County and portions of Sparks and Reno.

Thank you for allowing me the time to present this bill.

A constituent suggested AB 435 to me and I thought that it was a great idea.

How many times do our constituents or friends ask us about a ballot question?

I know that I am asked all the time.

Ballots questions are sometimes vague or not fully understood by many.

What AB 436 would do, is to help our voters have a better understanding of ballot questions.

This would be accomplished by having every question for a constitutional amendment or statewide measure proposed by initiative or referendum be accompanied by an

“Argument in Favor”, with a  
“Rebuttal to that Argument in Favor”  
and an “Argument in Opposition”  
with a “Rebuttal to that Argument in  
“Opposition” just as it is already  
required for county and city ballots  
questions.

This would require the Secretary of  
State to form two committees just as  
the counties and cities do now. One  
would be to prepare an “Argument in  
Favor” of the ballot question and  
prepare the “Rebuttal to the  
Argument in Opposition.”

The other committee would prepare  
the “Argument in Opposition” and  
the “Rebuttal to the Argument in  
Favor”.

The other part of this bill would  
require that all arguments for and  
against and the rebuttals list the names  
of the persons, organizations or  
governmental entities that assisted in  
writing such explanations.

Madam Chairwoman, members of the  
committee, thank you for your time. I  
will be happy to take any questions.