

March 27, 1995

LB 68

LR 6

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd move to advance LE 68 to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the motion. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor vote aye. Opposed. It is advanced. LB 6 or LR 6CA, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first item I have on LR 6 are E & R amendments, Senator Maurstad.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd move to adopt the E & R amendments to LR 6CA.

SPEAKER WITHEM: All in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed. The E & R amendment are adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is by Senator Bohlke. Senator, I have a note you wish to withdraw an amendment you had filed, FA74, and substitute therefore AM0812. (See page 1360 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke, AM0812.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. Speaker and members, it has occurred to me as I've listened to this discussion in the past and had an opportunity to talk to some other people, that we've talked about the numbers and we've concentrated about the numbers, but as I think we need to do is talk about...a little bit about the philosophy in what we've done. What my amendment does is really pretty simple. It just substitutes that we go back to the last presidential rather than the last gubernatorial election in order to come at those percentages, to come to those percentages. What's happened in Nebraska is two times, really, we have lowered the number of signatures necessary. In the 1920s at a Constitutional Convention, we lowered the percentage from 15 percent to 10 percent, and then in 1966, when we changed the gubernatorial election from every two years to every four years, we actually precluded being able to have it go back to the presidential election. Previous to that time, at least half of the time, it would have been used as a last presidential