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good idea. But to raise it is the wrong way to go, so I oppose the Witek amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. The inconsistency of the introducer of this amendment this morning is something that I think that we need to keep in mind. It obviously indicates that when there is a means to achieve that basic principles will be put to the side. This, first of all, I oppose the amendment. Ten percent is the appropriate number if we're going to have...give the individuals in the area an opportunity to petition their government. Secondly, I mean the comments of the introducer are just flat wrong. Ten percent of the people aren't going to decide anything. Ten percent of the people are going to put this on the ballot, period, nothing more. The voters will decide what occurs. And a number of times during her comments she indicated that it isn't right that a small number of people, 10 percent, should be able to decide this for everyone else, and that's not accurate. I'm not going to talk long because obviously this amendment is not even worthy of full consideration or full use of my five minutes that are allowed by me. I would just say that it's the wrong direction, I don't believe it's being put forth in good faith, it's an attempt just to slow down or delay the bill. And this provision, a section of the bill that she's talking about, can be completely ignored by Omaha and Douglas County and it can be of value to the whole rest of the state, and that's what we ought to be thinking about instead of just focusing and concentrating on Omaha, Douglas County and their petty problems all the time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. I would announce that while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I would propose to sign and do sign LBs 16, 19, 40, 46, 61, 71, 77, 78, 122, 141, 188, and 44. And I'm kind of upset about that because I wish the Lieutenant Governor could have done that instead, but she wasn't here, so.... Yes, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports they've examined and reviewed 347, 201, 202, 200, 346, 206 and report those to Select File, some of which have