SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, perhaps I have received
a direct answer. May I ask Senator Syas a question?

SENATOR SYAS: Yield.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Syas you heard the question
that I asked Senator Fellman. Does this bill and its
companion impose a condition on a petition candidates which
is not imposed on the Democratic or Republican?

SENATOR SYAS: As Chairman of the committee, I would have
to say yes it does, I would have to say that the constit-
utional amendment does the same thing. It imposes a condition
on an independent candidate which it does not on a partisan
candidate. The bill as well as the constitution amendment
both do the people passed it and I think that it is restrictive
on the Independent candidates, both ways.

PRESIDENT: Alright.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now I'll conclude, very briefly. Mr.
President, members of the legislature I have stated repeatedly
openly and above board what my intentions are. When questions
are put to me about this whole thing, it doesn't take me
15-20 minutes to avoid giving an answer and ultimately not
giving an answer. There is nothing to be gained by compound-
ing a difficulty that was created by constitutional provision
which in fact is unconstitutiona l according to the federal
requirements of equal justice or equal protection of the
law or whatever phrase that you want to put it under. The
point is that this particular provision of the state con-
stitution was considering only political parties. REgulating
only political parties, the mistake was made in taking the
practices of political parties and make them a part of the
state constitution. Everybody in this group knows that there
are many times when amendments are presented to the public
without them totally understanding what the amendment is
doing. Without having an entire question submitted, there
is part of it but not the entire thing. That is what
happened this time. If this bill is not passed, I'm not
the one to bring a law suit, because then I could get
on the ballot without having to meet a condition that is not
imposed upon other people. So what has to be presented to
you I would think is who has an interest in bringing a law
suit if these two bills are not passed. Certainly not me.
There would be no reason for it. I could get on the ballot.

PRESIDENT: Question is shall LB932 be returned to Select File
for a specific amendment, that is to strike the enacting
clause. This motion is to return the bill only. Motion is
to return LB932 to Select File for a specific amendment that
is to strike the enacting clause. Once again, this motion
is to return the bill only. Have you all voted? Once again
have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 1 aye, 15 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion is lost.

CLERK: Read unanimous consent motion by Senator Syas.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.