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SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Keyes, your committee heard these amendments.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: They heard the necessity and the reasons for these proposals. Do you think it is too much for me to ask that you go through and maybe discuss...?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Newell, if you can get the vote of the people, I will read what each one does, page by page, line by line. (Interruption)

SENATOR NEWELL: The vote of the people? Why do I need a vote of the people? I mean, isn't it your responsibility to kind of explain these to us?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Newell, you have read, the bills have been printed in the Journal. This is the customary way of doing it. You could have read them. If you were concerned about them, if you want to ask about them, we will certainly go over them one at a time? Now, which one would you like to discuss first?

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to understand what section 1 which changes 16-302.01. It says strike language in subsection 7 pertaining to write in candidates. Cities in the first class do not hold primary election if they do not have twice the number of candidates as there are vacancies to fill. Would you explain the necessity for that proposal?

SENATOR KEYES: I presume the way the old law is written that they have no way of knowing on the write in candidates and there can be, as I understood it when he explained it, two, three or four candidates and they all expect a certificate as a write in candidate. That is what I think it does, and if it don't, I will call Allen Beermann and he will tell me exactly what it does do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you through, Senator Newell?

SENATOR NEWELL: No, I would like to ask on section 3 which deals with 18-102, it says it's basically clarifying this statute showing that a special proposal to be placed on the ballot must carry the signatures of at least fifteen percent of the registered voters. That only adds the words "registered voters", is that the only addition there?