

going to have a very serious impact upon the people of Nebraska, a very serious impact upon the people of Omaha, the people in Nebraska City. We are hearing again from the very small, the very vocal, the very vociferous, special narrow interest group but when these particular lids were put on the ballot they were put on the ballot by a large amount of people that have not been represented down here. That is the mood of the public. Now to start tampering around with the right of initiative, curtailing it too much I think very closely approaches arrogance and I think if that goes across as the mood of this body and I don't think it is the mood of this body but I am afraid of what it is going to look like in tomorrow morning's paper and how people are going to react to it. I would very strongly urge you to support Senator Newell in this endeavor. I think we made a couple mistakes this afternoon already. I think the two year limitation was very reasonable. I wish we would have accepted that. I think the one year limitation is absolutely a mockery but for heaven's sakes, fellow senators, let's look at Senator Newell's amendment and water this particular bill down a little bit.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Would the Clerk read my amendment to the Newell amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch moves to amend the Newell amendment by adding the following language. "In the case of any petition presented to any political subdivision the elector signing such petition shall be so distributed as to include 5% of the elector of each of two fifths of the voter precincts within a local political subdivision."

SENATOR KOCH: Now then, ladies and gentlemen, I am going to withdraw this but if we are all concerned about the constitutional issue, this is exactly patterned after the way we do it in the Constitution. Senator Newell, I will withdraw it and in a good spirit I will move that we adopt your amendment but on Select File I am going to put this one on. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I certainly support Senator Newell's 7%. Remember now, the representative government of the political subdivision can put that on the ballot by resolution at any time. That is an entry to the lid question to amend it, to take it off, to raise the amount, anything with the lid. The political