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SENATOR KOCH: My amendment is suggesting ten percent registered voters to initiate a petition, and the reason I do this, Senator Keyes, is that we have a lot of small communities.

SENATOR KEYES: Registered voters? You are sticking with registered voters again?

SENATOR KOCH: Registered voters, right.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Koch, though, I thought that was the big objection that we had to it...registered voters. Seldom do we get fifty or sixty percent of the registered voters out. I would sure support this if we could come along and say that those voting in the last election, because sometimes there is very few that vote.

SENATOR KOCH: If you would put that in the last election, and you are only having forty-five or fifty percent of your people participate, that even makes a smaller number. That is why it is imperative you stay with registered voters. At least that is some indication that they are serious about what they are attempting to do.

SENATOR KEYES: Of course, I didn't support this thing to start with and I find myself in a rather awkward position trying to support something now that I....we're getting it pretty well, pretty good shape, two years, a vote of the people on the first year, and if we could just bring that down to seven percent or ten percent of the people that voted in the last election, I think I could go along with you real good. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator Koch, if I may. Senator Koch, anytime any governing body is put under a lid by the people that it supposedly represents there is going to be an urgency to get out from under that lid and I think, without exception, they are going to vote at the next annual time period to put the question to the people again. In most cases that will mean a special election. Sometimes it could be in conjunction with primary or general, but right now I think the provision of the law is that anytime a school board calls for an election the county clerk or election officer, in Douglas County's case, will conduct and prepare, make all the necessary arrangements, but will charge that to the school, so that that school board could subject that school to the cost of an