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with gunpowder. These two amendments aren't that bad, Senator Chambers. It just does two things. It requires that the county clerk be provided an explanation of the petition and it prohibits the reimbursement of expenses to circulators. And I would like to have you all listen to this, currently we cannot have paid circulators and I am not changing that. The only thing that I am changing is that I am prohibiting the reimbursement of expenses to circulators. I think Senator Hoagland mentioned something about we do this, we pay the people we hire for elections and we also pay their expenses. This is quite a little different than elections. This is in circulating petitions and I realize that maybe to some of you you feel that I am making the petition process more difficult but I don't think I am. I think that I am making it more thorough and I think it would be better for everybody concerned. It runs to the advantage of the citizens from whom the signatures are sought and, of course, it requires that when you leave a petition at the court house, at the county clerk's office, that an explanation of this petition be with it and I think this is very good. This way the people know exactly what they are signing. And like I said before, we must keep in mind that the initiative and referendum process should not be taken lightly or in disregard of a very important process of changing the state laws or even amending the Constitution. So I would urge for you to support this motion.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Hefner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, are we still under Call?

SENATOR CLARK: We are supposed to be under Call, yes. We are on Final Reading.

SENATOR HEFNER: I would like to have them check in again and then I would like to have a roll call vote.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, everyone will check in please. We should have 46. Will everyone please check in. Senator Wiitala, Senator Schmit, Senator Newell. Senator Schmit, will you record in please? The only one we are waiting for is Senator Newell. Senator Hefner, did

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