

me the problem about the two 300s that we are now going to have on the ballot, 180 degrees apart...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR RUPP: ...and in the minds of a lot of people. I want you to just look one more time before you vote on the kill motion at the bottom of this handwritten sheet. I think Senator Hall might address this, but we are very liberal in comparison to other states. Only 14 states allow initiative on constitutional amendment. That means 36 do not. Only 24 states have the referendum by citizen petition. That means 26 states do not. And besides that, our numbers are low in comparison to a lot of other states that use these various schemes. So, once again, this will be the last time I speak. I am just asking you to reject the kill motion and let's talk about this for a few more minutes. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hall, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, I was going to call the question on this but I thought for a minute. Senator Lynch introduces bills in the Legislature that make it more difficult to pass insurance legislation than it is to get a referendum on the ballot, but then he amends them. I am opposed to the Abboud kill motion. I offered the amendments in committee that Senator Rupp asked you to reject because of the significant change that they made to the original bill. I tried to up them. I tried to bring them from the 8 percent in the bill to the 10 percent of the initiative statutorily. I tried to raise the 8 percent in the bill on the referendum to 10 percent and I also brought in a committee amendment that would raise from 10 percent to 15 percent the referendum to suspend the statute. So I am supportive of the bill and I also have a problem with my microphone. But Senator Chronister told me all about that this morning. No, I think that it is...when you take a look at the bottom of the page where Senator Rupp handed out where we are talking about LR 318CA and it lists the comparison of percentage requirements, down at the bottom in the handwriting, and Senator Rupp just touched on this briefly at the end of his last statement, that there are a number of states that totally ignore the citizens in terms of letting them have a final say in what happens. They just don't do it. There is no recourse for those people in