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and Senator Nelson have made that point. And, yeah, someplace along the line as we refine...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...how we deal with our petition statutes, that might, in fact, be a good procedure. I just don't know exactly how to do it at this point. Is there any remaining time in Senator...

PRESIDENT MOUL: About forty-five seconds.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, the only thing I would comment on, there has been a number of comments from nonlawyers about the legalese, as to whether this is legal and constitutionally supportable or not. As you all know, I am not an attorney but one of the individuals I talked with about this, years ago, as a matter of fact, and renewed that discussion this year was former Attorney General Robert Spire and, in his testimony in front of the Government Committee, he did make the point that not only is it sound policy, in his opinion, and I don't know what former attorney general's opinions have as far as legal standing here, but Bob is certainly an individual I respect for his concern and commitment to our election process,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...indicates that he feels that this is a reasonable, a reasonable...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...type of regulation and is not at all legally questionable, so I invite you to look at the paper.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. I will now recognize Speaker Baack followed by Senator Schmit, Withem, and Labeledz. Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, I carried the bill a number of years ago, I don't remember exactly how many years ago it was now, to allow the payment of petition circulators, and it wasn't without some apprehension that I carried that bill because that is not something that I really believed in very strongly. But as Chair of the Government