

and not support this return.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Madam President and members, I'd just like to...I have been talking with Senator Bernard-Stevens and the concern I have, he is saying that in 17 that they have got one, and now I guess would have, whether that is valid or invalid, but they can, no matter what, they can still go out and get on the ballot by petition. We are going to have to do it in Madison County, so I just don't think that that's that big a deal as I see it right now, but I am so far from being an attorney it is pitiful. But we are going to have to do a petition and I presume whichever way, why, in 17, they will have to probably do a petition too, which I just kind of agree, I guess, with Senator Bernard-Stevens, in throwing everything on the fire here trying to make us wonder what we are doing and not pass 7. So I hope the people know that Madison County has won, and I think the Supreme Court has said now, and not a year from now. I suspect that if LB 7 does not pass by today, that by tomorrow there will be a court challenge. I don't know how long it will take. Maybe we won't get a senator for this year, but I know in the next challenge that you will redo the whole state because I think that will be part of the...in the lawsuit that will be filed in the next one. So I ask your indulgence and that you pass LB 7. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Kristensen and Schellpeper. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Conway, could I ask you a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I apologize for not listening carefully to what you were saying but I caught snatches of it. Am I correct, did you say that this Legislature could, in effect, just take away certificate of elections, that that was within our power to do?

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Schimek, what I said was that this body has the right and the Supreme Court has reiterated that right in a challenge to my seat two years ago, and you were a member of