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takes signatures...takes a petition out, should be on his own honor and make certain that to the best of his ability every signature is a verified voter of that district. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I believe that this is a very reasonable piece of legislation. I think the safeguards are there for us and for those who sign the petitions. I do not feel that when there is an extraordinary number of names that are already filed and you are also doing periodic checking of the sheets to verify what kinds of errors are on those sheets, it is not saying they will not check every page. It is giving them the flexibility when twice as many have been brought in for instance. If you, in your county, feel there is an error, the safeguard is still there for you, but it is also costing us as taxpayers an enormous amount of money that is simply not necessary in my estimation. I also would recommend that if you have any questions of the administrator in question that you go and ask and learn in detail what is intended or what is wanted by the purpose of a proposed piece of legislation. I do oppose this amendment. I do support LB 421 in its present form.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan and then Senator Landis, and then Senator Dworak. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would have a couple of questions of Senator Murphy so that we can clarify the issue here.

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Murphy, this applies not simply to...this applies to all petition drives including initiative and referendum on the Constitution as well as placing candidates on the ballot. Is that true?

SENATOR MURPHY: I believe that's true, Senator.

SENATOR CULLAN: Are the provisions which Senator Keyes talked about in examining every third page contained within the bill?

SENATOR MURPHY: I have not seen it.

SENATOR CULLAN: So that simply is an administrative procedure which the Secretary of State, the current existing