

process and the procedure that Senator Koch has followed and the percentage that he has established would, in effect, eliminate the right to initiative petition. Now if you agree with that you won't support Senator Burrows' motion to kill this bill but if you do, you will be supportive. Referring to percentages dealing with the initiative issue, I referred to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska in Article III, Section 2, and I would like to read a few of the comments that appear in that particular section regarding percentages necessary for the initiative process. It says, "The first power reserved by the people is the initiative whereby laws may be enacted and constitutional amendments adopted by the people independently of the Legislature. This power may be invoked by petition wherein the proposed measure shall be set forth at length. If the petition be for the enactment of a law, it shall be signed by seven percent of the electors of the state and if the petition be for an amendment to the Constitution, the petition therefor shall be signed by ten per cent of such electors." Ladies and gentlemen, I would just say that if in the Constitution of the State of Nebraska to effectively change things statutorily we have established a percentage at seven and to do that through constitutional means, amending the state's Constitution, that percentage is established at ten, then I would say that 15% as provided in 627 is unconscionable. Again, I rise in support of Senator Burrows' motion to indefinitely postpone LB 627.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows, do you want to close on your kill motion?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The issue before us is not that of rejecting a reform on LB 2. The issue right now is rejecting one of the two bills that were sent before the body to approach a redo of LB 2. I would ask this body to reject LB 627 and support this kill motion which will put LB 609 before us where we can move on one straight issue without the possibility of a second one coming up behind. I would like to draw to your attention that in the Revenue Committee there is a measure, LB 89 that Senator Sieck and I have proposed that would have shifted the support of K-12 education to an adjusted gross income tax. Had there been another Omaha vote on this it would have removed the Omaha school district from the effects of the imposed LB 2 without whopping the property tax back down the throats of the elderly that overwhelmingly voted