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small communities in this state where you can go out here and get as few as ten, twelve or fifteen registered people on a petition and you can harrass that elected body. I don't think that is unreasonable because I think it is fair in every sense of the word. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Koch amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 5 nays on adoption of Senator Koch's amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Do you have other amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, I now have an amendment from Senator Simon.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President and members of the body, I hope the members of the Legislature might pay attention because this is not a percentage amendment. It is one that has to be discussed a little bit. I have handed out a copy of the amendment prior to the slight adjournment that we had this afternoon, so you might not find it on your desk, but I think I can explain it fully to your satisfaction. What this would do is two things. Number one, it would exempt Metropolitan Area Transit from the lid. Metropolitan Area Transit is a very unique political subdivision. It is the only one of its type in Nebraska. They have no constituency that can vote on the issue of a lid. So that is one problem right there. There is no way really for the ridership to take a vote because individuals that ride the bus may live in Waterloo, Nebraska. They may live where I live out in the western part of Douglas County, in a sanitary improvement district in Millard, which does not pay taxes on MAT. There is no way that they can take a vote on whether or not MAT should be exempt. This was one of the problems which we overlooked when we were in haste in the Special Session and passed the lid bill. As a result and the incongruity is that we are encouraging mass transit right now. We are encouraging more