

a building and then the citizen has to turn around and they asked for a 30% and we have reduced it to a 15% petition to stop them from doing it. Instead of having them say to the citizens, we would like to build this building, what do you think, we are just doing it around the other way and putting the proof upon the citizens which is wrong and the committee felt that for the type of building they wanted to build in this particular instance, \$7,500 would sure cover it. If we start with bills like this and don't have a limit, then where are we going to end up? I feel that, Senator Maresh, we haven't damaged your bill too much. \$7,500 is a considerable amount of money for the type of building that we were told it was to be used for. So I would like to support the committee amendment. It doesn't gut the bill at all. It just reduces from 30% to 15% petition because 30% is quite a few and it just puts a cap of \$7,500 on it so I would ask that you do support the committee amendments. We discussed it very thoroughly and as you see nobody in the committee voted against it, so I would ask for your support. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, you have an amendment to the committee amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maresh moves to amend the committee amendments by striking \$7,500 and inserting \$25,000.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, this is a Maresh-Hoagland amendment to my bill. This would increase it to \$25,000. I know we argued the NRD building proposition and we didn't even consider a vote of the people there and here the city, it is done by the city council and it gives the public a chance to put it on the ballot. With only 15% we reduced that amount of needed percentage of the last election so I think we are giving the people a chance to be heard on this and I think \$25,000 with the present rate of inflation we should go along with the \$25,000.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer, do you wish to speak to the Maresh amendment?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't know. If we have to settle with something then I would support his amendment, however, I am opposed to imposing any kind of regulations on what we call giving the local elected officials the right to exercise their judgement. Here again we seem to have the attitude that we are more intelligent than they are. They are responsible to those that elected them in their local districts and I have always tried to respect their judgement because they are close to the issue at hand. I guess I am opposed