

and 79-541 relating to recall school board members requires that petitions for such recall be signed by 25% of the total votes cast for the last election. So I think this is ample evidence that we have fluctuated anywhere between 15 up to 25%. Now I sit on a Public Works Committee and recently we dealt with a bill that has to do with Senator Schmit's bill, LB 375, and how individuals of an area might by initiative call for a management area to be formed and a strong control area be placed upon the use of water and in that piece of legislation we are saying that 20% of the people will call this kind of initiative in that area before it can be put to a vote of the people. So one more time, we have used figures that are considerable larger than those that we are using here. I had 15% originally in the bill and I still don't think that is unreasonable. We all know that legislation usually is the art of compromise and I am requesting this body consider 10%. That includes you, Senator Newell, because I have heard the opponents who speak against this and that is a coalition for taxes. They are now against the Norden Dam. Have you noticed that? Which is fine, I am glad to see them enlarging their horizons because that gives them some other battles to fight besides just issues of taxes because I have a feeling that when they get involved in other things sometimes they will use their energy for other noble purposes and I don't know how you feel on the Norden Dam but that is another issue. But anyway, they have been quoted as saying that 5% is reasonable. That is a constitutional issue, yes it is, because when we initiate initiative referendum at the state level 5% is a constitutional number but I want you to know that 5% of the state in terms of how we set it up is a little more difficult to obtain than 5% at a local level and I suggest that since we are dealing with subdivisions of government that we should be consistent. We ought to use one of those numbers that I have just quoted to you and 10% happens to be the lowest one of all and let me give you a reason for this. In the local community, and many of you ought to know they are very small. The community in which I was raised and spent quite a bit of my life is a small community and I will use this. It's name is Campbell, Nebraska, and it needs a little bit of attention once in a while because sometimes we forget it. In case some of you don't know how to spell it, it is C-a-m-p-b-e-l-l. It is in Franklin County. It is close to Bladen, somewhere around Roseland, somewhere around Red Cloud, somewhere by Franklin, somewhere by Upland and somewhere by some other names I can give you to give that county proper advertising but anyway, if we lived in Campbell, Nebraska, which has a population of 532 I think if they count everyone present and it might be a little less than that. If you use 5% it wouldn't take