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with Senator Koch's amendment I don't think is an outrageous requirement, however, the committee felt that the 7% was somewhere a happy medium that was realistic and one that could be abided by without any great difficulty. By the same token I would say that changing the registered voters to those voting does make some difference also and probably the impact of even Senator Koch's amendment would not be as great as some are anticipating. I am not objecting to Senator Koch's real strongly but I am going to stay with the committee recommendation because it was a seven member vote of the committee and I will have to stay with that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, just briefly, I support the amendment and I think there is something important to understand. We are talking about local elections versus our constitutional provisions. It is not unusual, in fact, it is the normal standard in this state and most other states to have a fairly low level in a constitutional provision because you are talking pretty much a statewide thing. However, in a local election you could have a, in a case like this for example, we aren't talking necessarily about Omaha. We could be talking about any school district, any type of district with fifty or seventy-five people and so you should not be able to set up a special election just too easily with two or three people signing. You should at least have a reasonable number. I, quite frankly, think that 10% is a little low. Apparently Senator Koch and some others think it is reasonable. If I were choosing personally I would put it at 20, 25, 30% but 10% at an absolute bare minimum. So I urge you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to support Senator Koch's amendment. 5% is in existing law because that is how I decided to have the law drafted in 1978 Special Session and, very frankly, if you, those of you that were here or those of you who were following this whole issue at that time can realize or will recall that there was a great deal of conversations, interest, discussions, on the whole concept of lid. Had I...it was my preference to have had it at a 10 or 15% level as a matter of fact at that time. I intentionally made it 5 which I felt was unreasonably low but I did it in order to remove any argument that somehow or other it could not be used. Now I agree absolutely with those who have spoken that some reasonable level ought to be there, to use any judgment I guess you want to arrive at that but it ought to be large enough that a representative number of people involved