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and I suspect that probably eight thousand of those may be registered voters. So that means if they want to put it onto Ralston they would have to get eight hundred signatures. Is that unreasonable? I don't believe it is because that is a bona fide effort to bring an issue to the vote of the people and if you get down to smaller communities and this state has many small communities, 10% of a very few people isn't very difficult to get on an emotional issue, particularly when you are talking about taxes, because none of us like them. Somebody can circulate a petition and say, if you want to get out of some taxes sign this petition. You bet I am going to sign it, not knowing what the consequences might be but you go through the exercise. As Senator Dworak said, what is important is the fact that all the people then are going to get a chance to make a decision if they want to vote. So 10% according to all the statutes we have is not unreasonable and I suggest that if we think those statutes are unreasonable then we ought to go back to each one of those statutes I quoted to you the sections, we ought to make it consistent throughout and use 10% if that is the magic number because there are a lot of numbers higher than ten. In fact, that is the lowest number out of the local subdivision base. That is the lowest, ten is. It starts with 15 and it goes to 25% and I would urge you to adopt the amendment to the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the Koch amendment as explained vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays on adoption of Senator Koch's amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. We are now voting on the committee amendments as amended. Senator Carsten, do you wish to close? Okay, all those in favor of the committee amendments as amended vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to explain the bill once again before we move to advance it?