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SENATOR VICKERS: This requires 25 votes, does it not, Mr. President?

SENATOR CLARK: 25 votes, that is right.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, since I am ahead, how many people are excused?

SENATOR CLARK: Well you have already won this one. Is that what you wanted to do?

SENATOR VICKERS: Oh, okay.

SENATOR CLARK: Do you want to win or lose?

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Johnson has got me confused now.

SENATOR CLARK: As soon as we announce the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on the divided committee amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion passed, the amendment to an amendment. Now we will take the second division. I am sorry, that was the first part of the committee amendments so the amendment failed. That was the first part of the committee amendments. We are now back on the second half of the committee amendments. You are all right, Senator Vickers. You won because it didn't pass. Senator Kahle, do you want to explain the second half of the committee amendments? We ought to have two people confusing everyone.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well the second part of the committee amendment and I don't know exactly what Senator Vickers took out of it but, deals with the printing of the names on a petition. We had a suggestion from the Secretary of State that many times the names are not legible on a petition and that he was wanting to require that they be printed and also a signature be alongside of it or adjacent to the printing of the name. The committee thought this was unnecessary and that if the signature was legible that it should be counted whether there was a printed name alongside of it or not. I believe I am interpreting that correct. That is the main thrust of that part of it. Then at the request of the Nebraska Municipalities we added language that clarifies the term of office for mayors and city officers is four years. There has been some confusion in many of our cities as to what the term length of the mayor really was and this is just to clarify that. We also did some things with the language in Section 30 that constitutes electioneering and finally, we reinstated the original language in Section 23. It allowed the public to issue editorials. That is the issue that we just talked