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time to do it and there is really no additional possibility of cheating involved by this bill. The amendment is an amendment that is an energy saver and I wish you would really think about this too. Just put a little extra work on the people at the polling places to save the energy of driving across town and getting registered at the clerk's office. So if you believe in the electoral process being of a maximum participation, you should support the amendment. If you believe in the registration process using it to restrict the number of voters and those available to vote you should oppose it but any cost related to this amendment will relate and should relate to the number of additional people registered. If the elected officials want to make it work they won't have any significant problems with it. If they do not want to make it work they can make problems and nit pick but they can make it work. They can put out a card registration, fill out the form if they are busy that day and the judges there have the time to do it without disrupting any election flow. These arguments opposing it are not valid on that basis. There are people in that polling place that have the time to pass out the forms and make it work. I urge that body to adopt this amendment and enhance the ability of people to get registered with the least gasoline consumption. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Burrows' amendment to LB 446. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President. 11 ayes, 22 nays, excuse me, on the motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Are there other amendments on the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir, one final one, Mr. President. Senator Koch moves to amend the bill. "Page 61 line 20 and 21, reinsert the stricken language and strike Attorney General."

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, anytime this body in the past has placed a proposition to the people the language for that proposition was the domain of this body and the research arm. The committee has proposed that the Attorney General do this. I submit to you that this is not proper. We as a body by majority of our votes say that a constitutional amendment is placed to the people. We are the authors and we are those who amend and not only that but we come from certain districts and we are nonpartisan, at least