

to make sure they comply with the law. The virtue of that is that petition passers will be able to know before they begin to do the legwork that their petitions are in the appropriate form, and in the event they get the sufficient number of signatures, the question will go on the ballot. It also indicates the petitions have to be signed in the presence of a circulator, one of the provisions that is not in our law now. It is possible to have an initiative or referendum petition stuck up on a wall and the people who pass by sign their names without there being any knowledge of what is going on or the contact between the circulator and the petition signer to make sure that that person's name is accurate, that there isn't a duplication and that there is somebody who honestly says, I circulated the petition and I tell you that these people signed in my presence. Those standards are written in 807. It also indicates a maximum usage of these processes. It says the same issue when dealt with by referendum or initiative in either form or essential substance cannot be subject to repetition more than every two years. Right now in our statute you could have a referendum that put it on the ballot and the next year it could come back again and the year after that it could come back again, endlessly. There is no limit to the ability to bring about initiatives or referendums to harass local political subdivisions. This says you get one shot every two years. I would move the advancement of LB 807. I think it is a well drawn bill. We spent a lot of time in committee this summer working on the bill. The committee heard an in-depth analysis of the bill. I have a section by section analysis available if anybody has an interest in this area. I would be happy to circulate it to those of you who are interested. I move the advancement of 807.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you wish to be recognized? You have used up a combined total of five minutes on this. You've got ten minutes to go.

SENATOR WESELY: Right. I just have a brief question, Mr. Speaker. Senator Landis, this bill doesn't deal with percentages that are required that initiate a petition in either respect, it just deals with codification?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes. Percentages are set in the bill and I can look through here and find it and I'll be happy to show it to you. The percentages now, as we discovered in the Government and Military Affairs Committee, vary tremendously and this sets a standard amount for initiative and referendum and...I'm looking at an outline hoping to find that provision