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people distributing the petitions that the rural people signing will be more cautious signing a petition with a rural person carrying it than they would be signing a petition with a city person carrying it, they would have more caution?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Dworak, I would just say that a lot of these people would be known to those persons that are signing the petition and therefore I think they would be given a better explanation, yes.

SENATOR DWORAK: So then they would sign it not on the basis of what is in the petition but on the basis of the person carrying the petition?

SENATOR HEFNER: That is right, and knowing these particular persons, yes.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well, Mr. President, I really have problems seeing need for this legislation. Talk about an overworked phrase, you know, if it works, why fix it, I don't think we have had a lot of abuses. I think it is just another law. It is just another impediment to the initiative and referendum process. I think most Nebraskans I am familiar with are pretty cautious on signing anything. In fact, if anything, I think that there is probably more protection now than there would be after this particular piece of legislation passes. I think that we would be getting signatures based on personalities rather than signatures based on issues. I am not going to pass another law and put another impediment to the people that desire to sign and carry a petition. I think if somebody from Coleridge wants to circulate a petition in Platte County, so be it, that person ought to be able to do it if he believes strong...if that person believes strong enough in that issue. To say that only a petition can be circulated by a registered voter of that particular subdivision is just an unnecessary requirement that causes...it makes it more difficult for people to get directly involved in government. I think we try to shut people out of government too much instead of opening it up and making it easier for them to get involved and become a part of it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner, would you like to adjourn us until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock? We have three more speakers on here and two more amendments. Pardon me? He has something to read in.

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly again a reminder, the Appropriations Committee will meet upon adjournment in Room 1003.