

of the petition. And number two, it prohibits the reimbursement of expenses to circulators. The above two amendments will assure that petition signers are aware of the contents of a petition and will eliminate an indirect method for paid circulators. I think we debated this fifteen minutes on March 10th and at that time I offered an amendment and it was approved by the body that the penalty section would be out of this. I think Senator Chambers had objected to this during the committee hearing and so we have taken that out. And so I would urge you to return this bill to Select File so that we can get this amendment on. LB 647 is a ways down and I am concerned that it will not get up this section and I would sure like to get these particular...these two sections added to 807.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thanks. I think if Senator Hefner is going to do this he should ask to suspend the rules like Senator Johnson and Senator Labeledz did last night. This is not germane to this bill in my opinion. Senator Landis' bill deals with initiative and referendum provisions for political subdivisions. Senator Hefner's bill would go in and change existing statutes that apply to state level. Of course, Senator Landis' bill doesn't deal with any particular chapter because it is all new law so we really can't talk about whether it is...can't really argue the chapter issue, although because it deals with political subdivisions, I don't think it would go into the same chapter that the current state initiative provisions are contained in. But in any event, I don't think it is germane and I think if he wants to do this he should try to suspend the rules like everybody else has been doing the last few days and I would ask the Chair to rule on this germaneness issue if Senator Hefner is not willing to try to suspend the rules.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis, this is your bill. Do you want to speak on the germaneness?

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, what I think is true is that this would meet the constitutional standard of one subject, the subject being initiative rules. Senator Hoagland is accurate in that the language that we are replacing is currently appearing in the municipal sections of the law and they appear generally in places other than the state initiative. So you wouldn't find those two...the articles that now cover municipal initiative and referendum are not the same articles that cover state initiative and referendum but the subject matter, as far as initiative, I think probably meets the constitutional standard of one subject.